The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Minutes

June 1999 – May 2001

President
Emily Renzel

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(April 2000 Minutes – Missing)

President
Emily Renzel

Secretary
Sharon Small

Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
June 2, 1999
AGENDA

Call to Order

Minutes

Membership Report

Newsletter

Rentals Report

Scholarship Committee Report on Festa
Contact at Hidden Villa: Jill Kilty-Newburn (949-8641)

House & Grounds: Stove repairs

Treasurer's Report

Finance Committee - Budget

Sunshine Report

President's Report
Yearbook Ideas
Tuesday Social Committee
Program Committee - ideas for programs

Other Business

Luncheon/Program Meeting - June 16, 1999
Zorina Wolf: The Language of Drums

Next Board Meeting - - - September 1 at 11 a.m.

June 2, 1999
Next Board Meeting: 11a.m.
Wednesday, September 1, 1999

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Emily Renzel, Barbara Carlitz, Anne Ercolani, Margaret Feuer, Julie Jerome, Trudy Lung, Sharon Small, Ella Vandervoort

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS EXCUSED OR ABSENT:

Arline Dehlinger, Mary Hanson, Sarah French, Enid Pearson, Margaret Gould, Lydia Pugliese, Ellen Smith

The meeting was called to order by the President Emily Renzel at the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

REPORTS

Minutes. The minutes were approved.

Membership Report. Sharon Small proposed the following for membership: Judy Kleinberg, 722 Ashby Drive, Jan Runyan, 27642 Vogue Court, Los Altos Hills, 94022, Greer Ellison Wolfson, 222 Sequoia Avenue, Karen Olson, 566 Washington Avenue, Shulamith Rubenfien, 501 Kingsley, and Christine Logan, 437 Webster Street. Motion to accept the new members passed unanimously, subject to their attending a meeting and paying their dues.

Rentals Report. Lydia Pugliese is our new Chair of the Rental Committee. She will be the first point of contact, answering all of the inquiries for rentals. Her committee includes Sarah Cane, Trudy Lung, Anne Ercolani and Emily Renzel. Sarah has agreed to respond to follow up visits by photographers, caterers, florists, etc. The remainder of the showings will be shared by the rest of the committee. On the subject of rentals, Emily reported that for the second month in a row there are no new rentals for the year 2000. We have a few engagements previously scheduled, and we are heavily booked for remainder of 1999.

Scholarship Committee Report on Festa. Barbara Carlitz reported that the proceeds from the festa for our scholarship committee totaled $1720. The scholarship fund will augment the proceeds to support 2 scholarships for girls from East Palo Alto to attend Hidden Villa Camp this summer. Jill Kilty-Newburn (949-8641) is our contact at Hidden Villa.

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House & Grounds. Margaret Feuer reported on maintenance issues. It was suggested that we refinish bride's room table, replace locks below stage, replace interior door bolt hardware, fix gas stove pilots, refurbish stove, and replace banquette cover, exterior mats and cabinet hardware. Other improvements to the club would include side timer and landscaping, two ashtrays, foyer coffee table and lamp, chair in bride's room, office furniture, including fireproof file cabinet, dishwasher, and outside storage unit . The club and its rental ability would be enhanced if we replace the fireplace room tile and mantle, renovate the coat rack in the bride's room, carpet the bride's room and at the stage, and paint the bride's room. The proposed budget for 1999-2000 allocates $20,355.00 for these improvements. House and Grounds asked for $24,450. Future improvements would create a parking area, purchase new furniture for the foyer, install air conditioning and a sound system, and purchase three new ceiling fixtures.

Treasurer's Report. Kawaguchi's April report was noted and filed. It was suggested that two signatures be required on checks over $500.00, but that only one signature was necessary on checks under $500.

Finance Committee. Anne Ercolani led the discussion on the proposed budget for June 1999 through May 2000. $300 was approved for the Scholarship Committee, $1000 for the Historical Committee. We have administrative expenses of $15,915., and building expenses of $21,210. The House and Grounds Committee has been allocated $20,355. With our carryover of $3,200., our total expenses will be $61,980, which matches our total receipts of $61,980. This budget will be presented to the membership at the June meeting and in the June newsletter.

Sunshine Report. Trudy Lung reported that a 90th birthday party was held for Violet Henley. Betty Bonn is recuperating, Dorothy Arbuckle is unable to get around, and that Trudy continues to send cards to shut-ins.

President's Report. A committee for Tuesday socials has been formed with Kay Lamm and Peggy McKee, and others. A program committee will be formed to plan luncheon programs for next year.

Program Meeting. The next program meeting will be September 15, 1999 and will feature jazz pianist, Don Creswell.

The meeting was adjourned.

Minutes recorded by Sharon Small

Board Members 1999-2000

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6/2000 House & Grounds

Roller Shades: 25 units $1,500.00

installation $ 500.00

Cornices: fabric, labor, installation

$ 2,925.00

Side Panels - draperies

unlined $ 2,725.00

lined $ 3,320.00

Total Allocation: $8,245.00

Submitted: Margaret Feuer, H+G.

Agenda
Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
September 1, 1999

Call to Order

Minutes of June 2, 1999

Treasurer's Report - written by Enid Pearson
Switching over from Wells Fargo to Comerica Bank

Committee Reports

House & Grounds - Margaret Feuer
Bride's Room
Carpeting
Dishwasher
Fireplace
Banquette
Cabinet Hardware
Furnishings
Survey- permanent survey markers installed
New ashtrays for porch

Program - Margaret Feuer

Rentals - written - by Lydia Pugliese

Membership - Sharon Small

Sunshine - Trudy Lung

Scholarship - Ellen Smith

Board Matters
In Memoriam - Betty Brichta
Keys
Parking Permit System - Julie Jerome
PAWC display at Library
Newsletter deadlines & responsibilities
Yearbook
Sept 15 welcome to new members
Phone captains

Other Business

NEXT BOARD MEETING --
October 6, 1999
11 a.m.

Palo Alto Woman's Club, September 1, 1999

Members Present

Emily Renzel
Margaret Gould
Sharon Small
Sarah French
Barbara Carlitz
Anne Ercolani
Julie Jerome
Mary Hansen
Lydia Pulgiese
Ellen Smith
Ella Vandervoot
Trudy Lung

Ex officio members

Margaret Feuer
Dorothy Arbuckle

Members Excused or Absent

Arline Dehlinger
Enid Pearson

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Emily Renzel. Attendance was as recorded above

Reports

The minutes of the June 2, 1999, Board meeting were approved as presented

Treasurer's Report--a written report from Enid Pearson was supplied to the Board members. Current assets = $56,392.30. Enid has opened an account with Comerica Bank and will close the account with Wells Fargo. The Treasurer's report will be filed for audit.

House and Grounds--Margaret Feuer reported that plans for the Bride's Room are ready and a carpenter is being sought. The carpeting for the stairs and Bride's room will be installed this week. Research continues on the dishwasher. The Banquette covers are in process. The cabinet hardware is here and will be installed. New furnishings for the entrance, i.e., lamp and table will be purchased soon. The permanent survey has been completed and markers are in the ground. Mary McCullough has planted new flowers in the front yard. The House and Grounds Committed will look into purchasing new numbers for the front of the building

Program--Margaret Feuer and her committee reported that all programs are in place, and will be listed in the new directory.

Rentals--Lydia Pugliese, who took over the rental chair in June, reported that the rental total for 1999, will be $45,798. She also reported that as of today, the rental income for the year 2000, is $11,400. There was discussion regarding the number of times per month that the WC is to be rented, as it had been decided at a previous Board meeting that two

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rentals per month would be preferred. It was discussed at length that it might be wise to rent every weekend, if possible, keeping in mind that no back to back dates should be scheduled. This plan would help build reserves. Ater alternatives were discucssed, a motion from Barbara Carlitz and seconded by Sarah French, was passed unanimously to have Lydia pursue rentals at four per month, with no back to back dates.

Membership--Membership chair, Sharon Small presented 9 names for membership. They include Cherie Donald, Wynne Furth, Annette Glanckopf, Elizabeth Lucco, Nancy Lyttle, Carolyn Emmerson, Kenna Helms, Dena Mossar and Virginia Warheit. They were approved pending payment of dues and attendance at a monthly meeting. We currently have 116 members.

Sunshine--Trudy Lung. Trudy sends cards and calls shut-ins on a regular basis. See monthly newsletter for updates.

Scholarship--Ellen Smith reported that the Italian Dinner held last spring brought in $1,600., which was the amount needed to give two scholarships to Hidden Villa for girls who would not be able to attend had they not had scholarships. She thanked Barbara Carlitz for her planning the Event and read a thank you note from Hidden Villa. The committee will be meeting for event planning in the year 2000..

Board Matters

In Memoriam --. The Board voted unanimously to donate $50.00, to the scholarship fund in memory of Betty Brichta

Dorothy Arbuckle--Reported that District Chair, Mary Jane Morton, requested the WC of Palo Alto give $1.00, per club member to CARE to support the victims of Kosovo as well as the Turkey Earthquake victims. A motion was passed unanimously that we give $120.00, to the refugees, as well as request cash donations at the luncheon on September 15, 1999.

Julie Jerome attended a meeting (sponsored by the Palo Alto Police Department) regarding the use parking permits in our area. There is a possibility that a parking permit system will be in effect in approximately 2 years, and a followup meeting will be held this Fall in the Policy and Procedure Department of the City of Palo Alto. Julie will continue to follow the developments and update the Board.

Emily will present each new club member with a miniature living rose bush rather than a single rose.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Sarah French
Recording Secretary

To: BOARD OF DIRECTORS
From: Enid Pearson

Treasurer's Report - August 31, 1999

Total Funds July 31, 1999		$56,392.30
Income from Rentals	$5,275.00	
Income from Membership dues	$100.00	
Interest Earned	$111.48	
Total Income August 1999	$5,486.48	
Total Expenses	$2,531.60	
Excess/Deficiency	$2,954.88	
Checking Accounts		$31,844.81
Savings		$5,683.56
CD's		$22,127.00
Total Funds August 31, 1999		$59,655.37

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Category Summary Report
9/1/99 Through 9/30/99

Category	9/1/99-9/30/99
Inflows	
Luncheon Income	148.00
Membership Dues	200.00
Rent Income	3,400.00
Transfer	13,526.41
Total Inflows	**17,274.41**
Outflows	
Activities Exp	326.14
Building Costs	300.00
Janitorial	682.98
Miscellaneous	95.00
Newsletter	426.51
Office	79.14
Postage	39.60
Refund	1,500.00
Supplies	32.26
Telephone	75.27
Utilities	261.86
Outflows - Other	0.00
Total Outflows	**3,818.76**
Overall Total	**13,455.65**

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
AUGUST 31, 1999

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
WFB CHKG. A/C #0277-018628	13,501.41	
CA FED SCHOLAR FD #907-0008876	5,668.12	
CA FED BLDG FD #9070040689	21,972.77	
COMERICA # 1891161018	17,847.45	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		58,989.75
TOTAL ASSETS		58,989.75

FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE	54,346.98	
CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT)	4,642.77	
FUND BALANCE		58,989.75
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		58,989.75

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
JULY 31, 1999

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
WFB CHKG. A/C #0277-018628	13,751.41	
CA FED SCHOLAR FD #907-0008876	5,668.12	
CA FED BLDG FD #9070040689	21,972.77	
COMERICA # 1891161018	15,000.00	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		56,392.30
TOTAL ASSETS		56,392.30

FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE	54,346.98	
CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT)	2,045.32	
FUND BALANCE		56,392.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		56,392.30

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

WOMEN'S CLUB OF PALO ALTO
475 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301
Prepared by Lydia Pugliese, Rental Chair

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1999 Rentals

January	$1100		$3925.00 Total
	$1200		
	$1025	(Ballroom - 4)	
	$ 600	(Enneagram -3)	
February	$1200		$4313 Total
	$1200		
	$ 600	(Enneagram - 3)	
	$ 513	(Ballroom - 2)	
	$ 500	(Swing - 2)	
	$ 200	(Forum for Women Entrepreneurs 1)	
	$ 100	(Retirement party)	
March	$1100		$8010 Total
	$1100		
	$1200		
	$1200		
	$1200	Wake	
	$ 560	(Swing - 2)	
	$ 800	(Enneagram - 4)	
	$ 400	(Forum for Women Entrepreneurs 2)	
	$ 250	(Live Poets Society 1)	
	$ 200	Steinway rental 3/21	
April			
	$1200		$3550 Total
	$1200		
	$ 250	(Defense of Dissertation - 4 hours)	
	$ 100	(Friday prep for wedding Sat)	
	$ 800	(Ballroom - 4)	
May	$1200		$2800 Total
	$1200		
	$ 400	(Ballroom - 2)	

June	$1200	$2500 Total
	$ 100	(Friday prep for wedding Sat)
	$1200	
July	$1200	$3700 Total
	$1200	
	$1200	
	$ 100	
August	$1200	$4375 Total
	$1500	
	$1400	
	$ 275	
September	$1400	$5200 Total
	$1200	
	$1300	
	$1300	
October	$1200	$1475 Total
	$ 275	
November	$1200	$3100 Total
	$1300	
	$ 600	
December	$1200	$2850 Total
	$1200	
	$ 450	

Total for 1999: $ 45,798.00*

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Projected income for 2000(as of 9/1/99)			**Totals**
January	$1200 $1500		$2700
February			
March	$1200		$1200
April	$1500 $1200	Powers dance	$2700
May			
June	$1200		$1200
July			
August	$1200		$1200
October	$2400	Drum workshop	$2400

Income for 2000 as of 9/1/99 $11,400*

* NOTE: Does not include $10 kept from each rental as part of non-refundable clean-up fee

House and Grounds

Maintenance	1999 Capital	Future Capital
Landscaping - $300.00	Side Timer/Landscaping - $1,000.00	Parking Area
2 Ashtrays Entry Mat	strips house number	
Foyer Doormat	Coffee Table lamp-table	light fixture Mission Furniture New Ceiling Fixture
Fireside New Cabinet Hardware	Replace Fireplace Room Tile & Mantle gas logs	Mirror Historical Photos
Bridesroom Refinish 1887 Table	Renovate Coat Rack Paint Chair	New Carpet
Ballroom Replace Locks below Stage Replace Interior Door Bolt Hardware New Banquette Cover	Sound System	Air Conditioning New Chair
	Office Fireplace Office Furniture/Rug/Paint, etc.	

Kitchen Dishwasher Improve stove

tile

floors
cleaning flues
servicing stove + furnace
lighter weight table

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Date: Wednesday, October 6, 1999
Present: Emily Renzel, Enid Pearson, Margaret Feuer, Lydia Pugliese, Sharon Small, Trudy Lung, Juli Jerome, Arlene Dehlinger, Ella Vandervoort, Barbara Carlitz, and Mary Hansen
Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 1999

I. Temporary Secretary: Mary Hansen substituting for Treasurer Sara French, who is traveling on business

II. Approval of Minutes: Motion to approved September minutes by Arlene. Seconded by Sharon Small. Minutes approved without correction.

III. Treasurer's Report: Enid Pearson reported the following:

1. Balance: $59,113.66 as of 9/30/99. This excludes the CD and savings account because as of today's date their respective September bank statements had not been received. The detailed Treasurer's Report is attached.
2. Concerns: Enid expressed concern about the size of the bank balance in reference to the Women's Club 501 (3c) status, which lists our status as a charitable organization. It presents a problem on our tax return when there is not a reasonable outflow of monies related to charitable giving. Ella reinforced this view mentioning that charitable giving was part of the historic purpose of the women's club. It was brought up by Emily that the primary reason for conservation of monies was related to restoration of the building. However, this was nearing completion.
   A. Recommendation: This item will be added to the November agenda. It was also suggested that this issue should be referred to the scholarship committee and perhaps a name change was in order. This committee should establish a budgetary policy on how much to give to charity and who to give it to.
3. Questions about Treasurer's attached report:
   A. Question about the $486 cost of the newsletter, which a board member thought was high. The explanation was that this also included the yearly cost of printing the directories.
   B. Ella questioned whether or not board approval had been obtained for the transfer of $13,526.41. Emily responded that since this transaction had taken place over the summer when the board did not meet, informal board approval had been obtained. However, Ella's point was correct that this should be followed up by formal board approval.
   C. Motion to Approve Money Transfer was made by Juli and seconded by Lydia Pugliese. Motion approved by board.
   D. Motion to File October's Treasurer Report for Audit was made by Sharon Small and seconded by Juli. Motion was approved by board.

IV: Committee Reports

1. House & Grounds: This report was delivered by Margaret Feuer
   A. Dishwasher: Emily reported that obtaining a dishwasher was in progress.
   B. Floors: They will be resurfaced on 2/22/2000 and 2/29/2000. Part of this necessitated by rental damage. Consequently, the renter will be paying $500 of the cost.
   C. Furniture: Still looking. It was recommended that if we sent a formal letter to Flegel's and Restoration stating who we were as an organization, we might receive a price break. This is the next step.
   D. Windowseat Cushions: They will be a taupe color. Lawsen's Brothers submitted the lowest bid
   E. Brides Room and Receiving Room: The plans are drawn up for redoing the Receiving Room and Brides' Room. Lydia stressed the need to fix the threshold and Emily replied that it had already been discussed with the carpenter and will be included in the work for the Brides' Room.
2. Rentals: This report was made by Lydia Pugliese.

There are a few new rentals but Lydia said she is receiving a lot of calls. She would like to revisit the rental policy on availability.

A. Discussion: This led to discussion of wear and tear on building, how much income we are receiving, and Enid's concern of charitable giving. Lydia mentioned that the busy months for rentals are May through October. In addition there was a problem with a recent rental's behavior toward one of our neighbors, in particular ear-splitting music and loud congregating outside of building. Margaret Feuer had suggested that having air conditioning might control these problems since windows would remain closed and people would not have to leave building due to heat. After much discussion it was decided to leave current rental policy in place, and no action was taken on Margaret's suggestion.

3. Membership: This report was made by Sharon Small.
   Sharon recommended the following new members for membership:
   A. New Members: Elizabeth Browne, Mary Carlstead, Barbara Foster, Dena Mossar, Freyda Ravitz, Vera Wheaton and Virginia Warheit. (See attached profiles). This brings membership to 111.
   B. Motion to Approve New Members was made by Enid Petersen. It was seconded by Arlene, and was approved by the Board.
4. Sunshine Report was made by Trudy Lang.
   A. Betty Vaughn has pneumonia for second time this year
   B. Lois Holton. Trudy tried to contact her by phone but no response
   C. Phoebe's condition remains the same.
   D. Violet Handy is in a home. Trudy ran into her at the Senior's Center, and she was having an enjoyable time at an event which the home arranged for her to attend.

V. Board Matters

1. Federation Dues
   A. Increase. There will be a federation dues increase of $10 per member. Currently we pay $13.00 per member. Of this amount $10.00 is for national dues, $2.50 is for state and the remainder for the district. It is the first increase in over 20 years, and it is controversial because many clubs are limited in their resources and would be stretched to meet such an obligation. Juli questioned what the $10.00 increase would be spent on. She advised requesting a copy of the Federation's annual budget. Emily suggested that part of this would go to cover expenses for the national building in Washington D.C. Lydia suggested staging the increase over several years due the large amount.
   B. Area Conferences: There will be a Federation area conference for District D on October 16 held in our building. Los Altos's Women's Club is responsible for the food. Board directed the President when attending October's Area Conference to ask for a copy of the Federation's annual budget, and should the issue of the increase in dues be voted on at this meeting to vote for a staged increase.
2. Newsletter Deadlines:
   The newsletter deadline is being changed to the 25th of the month. Since Arlene is traveling, this gives her sufficient lead-time to prepare the newsletter. Arlene's e-mail (with attachments)is a great way to communicate with her and one she prefers.
3. Survey Status Map: Emily reported that within two weeks of this date, the map that was drawn up as a result of the surveying of the women's club property will be recorded with the city. It cost $4000 of which $1500 was paid by a neighbor. The map was needed in order to assert legal ownership of women's club boundaries.
4. Charitable Rental:
   A. Discussion: Enid mentioned that she thought the rental rate to be too high for some charities, especially those who had few resources and required little or no services; thus having a low impact on the building. Lydia stated that she had done a survey on the rentals charged by non-profits in the area and found our rates to be comparable. In addition, it was hard to know in advance which rental would be the most demanding of services, or have the highest impact on the building. Emily proposed the solution of continuing the practice of giving the Rental Chair the discretion to establish the fee for Charitable rentals on a case by case basis.
   B. Motion to give rental chair discretion in charging fee was made by Trudy, and seconded by Sharon. Motion was approved by Board

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VI: Other Business

1. Luncheon Reimbursement: Juli proposed standardizing the policy for reimbursement of the Women's club monthly luncheons. She proposed a monthly budget of $100 and it would be up to the luncheon chair to determine its allocation. Enid reminded board members that the luncheon chair would have to require receipts for reimbursement.
   A. Motion to establish $100 reimbursement of monthly luncheon was made by Juli and seconded by Barbara Carlitz. Board approved.

Elizabeth Browne, 549 Jackson Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel: 321-6017). Elizabeth is a travel consultant and was formerly a member of the Jr. Woman's Club in Illinois. She has been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and a liason between Stanford and the Reach to Recovery program. She enjoys travel, ballroom dancing, and golf.

Mary Carlstead, 147 Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel: 326-1794). Mary is a retired research group manager, former teacher, docent at Filoli, and one of the founders of UPROAR. She is active in her church and enjoys writing, geneology, gardening and bridge.

Barbara Foster, 460 Washington Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 325-8711). Barbara is the owner and president of Keynote Speakers, Inc., Palo Alto, a national speakers' bureau. She has served on the city of P.A. Centennial Board and the AAUW. Her interests include gardening, libraries, and bicycling.

Dena Mossar, 1024 Emerson, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 329-1082). Dena is currently a councilmember, and a former commute coordinator of PAMRF. She is a founder of TRY Transit campaign, and a founder of SC County Creeks' Coalition. Her hobbies include gardening, painting, and dogs.

Freyda Ravitz, 20200 Lucille Avenue #33, Cupertino, CA 95014 (tel: 408/252-9091). Freyda is a self-employed accountant and consultant. She is the past president of the Nat'l. Assoc. of Women Business Owners, and the program director and treasurer of the Women's Heritage Museum, Silicon Valley Chapter. Vpast (1486 - 1490)

Virginia Warheit, 538 San Benito Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (tel: 329-2364). Virginia is a city planner. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, old roses, history, and old building preservations.

Vera Wheaton, 222 Yarborough Lane, Redwood City, CA 94061 (tel: 961-5520). Vera is the office manager and internal accountant for a CPA firm, and has volunteered with the Sequoia Hospital Auxiliary. She is currently serving as Loma Prieta District President. Vera loves to spent time at the beach, especially Pajaro Dunes.

Women who have applied for membershi:p:

Cherie Donald. 817 Sycamore, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel: 856-7629). Cherie is in charge of student body accounts at Palo Alto High School. She has worked for the Centennial, and for political campaigns. Her interests include gardening, sports. and home improvement.

Wynne Furth, 216 Everett, Palo Alto, CA (tel: 329-2171). Wynne is a lawyer in the city attorney's office. She is a former board member of the YWCA and of the Vivian Welde School. She enjoys gardening.

Annette Glanckopf, 2747 Bryant, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (tel: 321-1280). Annette works as a healthcare consultant. She has volunteered for Christmas in April, Leadership Midpeninsula, AHA and Achieve. She enjoys travel and geology.

Elizabeth Lucco. 1094 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 328-3125). Elizabeth is currently working as a writer. She was previously a technical writer and content editor for computer software games. Past board member for Women in Communications. Elizabeth enjoys hiking and swimming.

Nancy Lyttle. 124 Primrose Way, Palo alto, CA 94303 (tel: 493-0204). She is the program coordinator for San Jose Redevelopment Agency, and has been a boardmember of the P.A. YMCA, and a girl scout leader of Troop 795. Nancy is a member of the American Planning Association.

Carolyn Emmerson, (address to be provided later), is a social worker by profession. She is moving back to Palo Alto from Madison, Wisconsin after an absence of four years. Carolyn volunteered with her church and with the tutoring program at El Buen Pastor. Her hobbies are cooking, walking, and crossword puzzles.

Kenna S. Helms. 890 Sharon Court. Palo Alto. 94301 (tel: 321-4141). Kenna is Manager of Trust Administration at Comerica Bank. She is a member of the CA State Bar Assoc. and the Junior League of Palo Alto. Her hobbies are reading and politics.

Dena Mossar, 1024 Emerson, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 329-1082). Dena is currently a councilmember, and a former commute coordinator of PAMRF. She is a founder of TRY Transit campaign, a founder of SC County Creeks' Coalition, and formerly on the board of USNG. Her hobbies include gardening, painting, and dogs.

Virginia Warheit, 538 San Benito Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94024 (tel: 329-2364). Virginia is a city planner. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, old roses, history, and old building preservations, ...

Woman's Club of Palo Alto
Board
November 3, 1999

Call to Order

Minutes of October 6, 1999

Treasurer's Report

Correspondence

Thank you from L.P. District President Veva Wheaton
Thank you from Jeanne Collins, Area B Vice President

Committee Reports

House & Grounds - Margaret Feuer
Rentals - Lydia Pugliese
Quinciñera problems & possible ban on teen events
Proposal to raise rents and deposit as of July 1, 2000 to $1400 & $350
Scholarship/Philanthropy - Ellen Smith
Organizing meeting at November 9 Social.
Sunshine - Trudy Lung

Other Board Matters

Adjourn

Reminder: Newsletter deadline is the 25th of each month. Please email or fax or provide hard copy to Arline Dehlinger (adehlinger@yahoo.com).

Palo Alto Women's Club Minutes P1

Date: Wednesday November 3, 1999
Present: Lydia Pugliese, Sharon Small, Trudy Lung, Anne Ercolani, Ellen Smith, Arlene Dehlinger, Ella Vandervoort, Barbara Carlitz, Dorthy Arbuckle and Mary Hansen
Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 1, 1999

I. **Presiding:** Vice President Ella Vandervoort substituting for President Emily Renzel. **Temporary Secretary**: Mary Hansen substituting for Treasurer Sara French, who is traveling on business

II. **Approval of Minutes:** Motion to approved October minutes by Ellen. Seconded by Sharon Small. Minutes approved without correction.

III. **Treasurer's Report:** There was no Treasurer's report.

IV. **Correspondence**: Letters of Appreciation from the Women's Club Federation for our hosting of the Area D Conference held on October 16 at our facility were read by Ella.

V: Committee Reports

1. Rentals: This report was delivered by Lydia Pugliese

A. Teen Events –Lydia reported that there had been problems in the past with teen events. She suggested a policy change. In the future there would be no teen events. The problems, she noted, probably had to do with lack of adequate supervision since teens will be teens. Nevertheless, this was beginning to present a problem with our neighbors with whom we need good relations. In addition, we are maintaining an old building and teens can be rough on the facility. This item should be placed on the December agenda so that we could vote on it when there is a larger number of board members in attendance.

B. Raising Fees – Lydia also reported that she had discussed with Emily the possibility of raising our rental fees from $1200 to $1400 for an event, and increasing the deposit from $250 to $350. She mentioned how frequently she had been told by renters how reasonable our fees had been. In our fees, we need to consider the repairs and maintenance of the building as well as the fact that from these funds are returned to the community through our charitable work. In addition, increased fees may make the renters more responsible in their behavior.

C. Discussion- Ailene suggested raising the deposit higher than $350, closer to $500. It would make people more careful with our property. Sharon asked if wine and champagne were allowed on stage. Lydia responded that no food or alcohol were allowed on stage in order to try and reduce spills, and eliminate damage to floors. She mentioned that charging a high deposit was reasonable since we have an old building. Ailene and Ellen reiterated the need to raise our damage deposit fees more than $350. Question was raised by a board member as to the type of damage that had been done by teens. Lydia replied that the teens in the recent past had run out in front, made a lot of noise, and had broken one of the neighbor's windows as well as one of ours. The Board mentioned that a separate standard should apply to non-profits, who now have to pay full damage deposit. Anne suggested that this item should also be placed on the December

agenda so that we could vote on it when there is a larger number of board members in attendance.

D. Dance Lessons- Twice a year, Richard ~~Gross~~ Powers, holds swing dance lessons at our clubhouse. The fee in his case is 20% of the gross. The first session begins January 7 and lasts six weeks. The second session begins in April and continues on into the first 3 weeks of May. This arrangement has worked very well for the club and is held on Monday evenings.

Anne asked what were the number of rentals contracted for teen events. Lydia responded that she could supply this information next month.

2. Newsletter – Ailene wanted to remind everyone that the best way to contact her was through e-mail.

3. Scholarship - Ellen Smith gave the report on Scholarships.

A. Report - She mentioned that in light of our expanded mission for charitable giving, she wanted input for the whereas, hows and whys of disbursing funds. Should we pick a particular organization or contribute to what were the clubs traditional charities, for example, the library program, street trees. The committee is wide-open to suggestions. The first forum to discuss this will be at the social hour on November 9 to try to determine what areas we should be interested in. We will not know how much money is available until the end of fiscal year, and the committee is looking for members who are interested in such a program. Suggestions were made by Board members of giving money to East Palo Alto, St Elizabeth Seton's.

B. Motion to Put A Form in Newsletter Polling Members on Suggestions for Charities was made by Mary and seconded by Anne. Motion was approved by Board. Ailene requested Ellen submit a draft format to her for the newsletter.

VI: Sunshine Report. Trudy reported on the following members

1. Betty Bond is still in bad health. Her strength is not coming back after her last bout of pneumonia. She has worked at the Senior Center and they have now up a plaque in her honor commending Betty for all her good work.
2. Lois Holton- Trudy called her again but received no response. Ella volunteered to stop by and check up on her since she drives by her house.
3. Grace Bodley. Trudy thought Grace needed to be cheered up so Ella suggested getting a group together and visiting Grace.
4. Thanksgiving Cards- Trudy suggested getting Thanksgiving cards and mailing them to the shut-ins.

VII.Other Board Matters:

1. Buying a TV/VCR for Club: This suggestion was made since mention was made of the Ken Burns special on Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton scheduled for PBS for later this month.. It would be nice to see these shows as a group at the club or even a possible movie. Suggestion was made to refer this to the Acquisition Committee.
2. Wearing Name Tags at Board Meetings: Suggestion was made to wear nametags at Board Meetings to prevent name confusion.

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
OCTOBER 31, 1999

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
CA FED SCHOLAR FD #907-0008876	5,863.99	
CA FED BLDG FD #9070040689	22,258.27	
COMERICA # 1891161018	30,333.24	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		58,455.50
TOTAL ASSETS		58,455.50

FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE	54,346.98	
CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT)	4,108.52	
FUND BALANCE		58,455.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		58,455.50

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE FIVE PERIODS ENDED OCTOBER 31, 1999

	PERIOD TO DATE ACTUAL	%	YEAR TO DATE ACTUAL	%
'ENUE				
MEMBERSHIP DUES & ASSESS.	100.00	7.5	800.00	4.2
ACTIVITIES	92.00	6.9	394.00	2.0
NVESTMENT INCOME-BLDG RENTAL	850.00	64.0	17,425.00	90.5
NVESTMENT INCOME-INT EARNED	285.50	21.5	625.21	3.2
)THER REVENUE	.00	.0	15.00	.1
TOTAL REVENUE	1,327.50	100.0	19,259.21	100.0
RATING EXPENSES				
GRANTS, ETC. PAID	120.00	9.0	1,720.00	8.9
'ROFESS. FEES, ETC.	120.00	9.0	480.00	2.5
'ARD MAINTENANCE	320.00	24.1	800.00	4.2
ANITORIAL	560.00	42.2	2,340.00	12.2
IOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	263.25	19.8	605.44	3.1
JTILITIES	280.64	21.1	1,263.18	6.6
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	(442.17)	(33.3)	2,524.22	13.1
'ELEPHONE	191.65	14.4	611.34	3.2
)FFICE SUPPLIES	64.18	4.8	296.50	1.5
'OSTAGE	39.60	3.0	184.80	1.0
'EARBOOK/BULLETIN	69.11	5.2	495.62	2.6
ACTIVITIES EXP.	106.00	8.0	507.14	2.6
'HECK CHGS.	14.50	1.1	276.45	1.4
LICENSES & PERMITS	140.00	10.5	140.00	.7
ADVERTISING	.00	.0	406.00	2.1
EFUND OF SECURITY DEPOSITS	.00	.0	2,500.00	13.0
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,846.76	139.1	15,150.69	78.7
EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)	(519.26)	(39.1)	4,108.52	21.3

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

Agenda
Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
December 1, 1999
11:00 a.m.

Roll Call (Excused: Sarah French, Barbara Carlitz, Boots Gould)

Minutes of November 3, 1999

Treasurer's Report - Enid Pearson

Committee Reports

House & Grounds - Margaret Feuer

Rentals - Lydia Pugliese
Special case - low impact weeknight rental
Final damage report from Quinciñera
Policy re teen events (continued from Nov meeting)
Damage deposit for non-profits (continued from Nov meeting)

Membership - Sharon Small

Scholarship - Ellen Smith

Sunshine - Trudy Lung

Newsletter - Arline Dehlinger **** **Holiday Deadline - December 15****

Other Business

Federation Activities
January Centennial March in Sacramento
Reports of our activities - any volunteers?

December meeting - gift basket for Battered Women, gift exchange

Other

Adjournment

Minutes
Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
December 1, 1999

President Emily Renzel called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Present were Emily, Lydia Pugliese, Arline Dehlinger, Julie Jerome, Sharon Small, Ellen Smith, Trudy Lung, Ella Vandervoort, Enid Pearson, and Anne Ercolani. Sarah French, Boots Gould, and Barbara Carlitz were excused.

Minutes. Several names were corrected. Ailene Dehlinger should be Arline. Sarah French is Secretary, not Treasurer. On page 2, Richard Gross should be Richard Powers, and Lois Holton should be Lois Houghton. The Board voted to file as corrected.

Treasurer's Report. Enid Pearson provided a written report. The October 31 balance was $58,455.50. In November we took in $3000 and spent $6500, so our current balance is approximately $55,000, of which $26,760 is in our checking account. Ellen moved that we transfer up to $12,000 to an interest bearing account. That passed unanimously.

House & Grounds. Margaret Feuer could not attend, but Emily reported that the new banquette cushion is installed. We have a new craftsman period table lamp in the foyer and new hardware on the cabinets in the Fireside Room. The water heater died the day of our last luncheon meeting. A new heater was installed that evening at a cost of $650.

Newsletter. Arline reported that she will be going away at the end of the month and asked for newsletter articles to be sent to her by December 15.

Rentals. Lydia brought several policy matters before the Board.

Raising Damage Deposit. Our current deposit is $250 and Lydia believes we should raise it to $500. It should not impact rentals since the deposit is returned if everything is left in good order. Trudy moved that we raise the deposit to $500 effective January 1, 2000. The motion passed unanimously.

Raising the Rent. Lydia said that our rent is substantially below the market. She thought we should raise the rent to $1500 for all new rentals. Emily said that we are currently in "Here Comes the Guide" at $1200 and the next edition comes out in January 2001. Typically we have raised the rent in July. Emily was concerned about making such a big increase between guidebooks. Sharon moved that we raise the rent to $1400 for all rentals after July 2000 and effective with the new Guide in January 2001 raise the rent to $1500. The motion passed unanimously.

Incidental low-impact rentals. Lydia said she has been approached to rent the Clubhouse for piano recitals, dance practices, etc. which involve very few people and no food - typically on a week night. She wanted guidance from the Board. Some Board members felt we should do more of this type of rental. Some felt we had to have some guidelines to avoid being overwhelmed with requests. Most public facilties cost $162 for insurance, at least $15/hour plus the cost of a supervisory staff member. Ellen moved that we allow groups of no more than 20 people use the facility on weeknights or Sunday afternoons by paying the damage deposit and janitorial fee provided there is no food or use of the kitchen. Reservations may not be made more than 2 months in advance.

Final Damage from October 9 quinciñera. We kept the entire $250 security deposit to cover an extra $100 we had to pay Tom for cleanup, an extra hour that they held over past midnite, and for repair to the broken window pane in our entry foyer - plus loss of goodwill in the

neighborhood necessitating at least 5 calls to the police. In addition, John and Sheila Dunoc, our Cowper Street neighbors discovered that at least 7 panes of glass were broken in their storeroom window. Rocks from our sideyard were inside their storeroom. John Goodman from 469 Homer had reported kids throwing rocks at his house that same evening but no damage. The cost to repair the Dunoc's windows came to $411, of which $75 was for painting. The Dunoc's furnished the antique glass, so the balance was for labor to cut, instal and glaze the panes. Emily will write Amada Magaña about the damage, but we will probably not get anything from her.

Teen Events. The unfortunate experience with this quinciñera raised the question of whether we should rent to teen events where young people are often unsupervised. Lydia and Emily moved that we no longer rent to any teen events. The motion passed unanimously.

Non-profit damage deposit. The Board concurs that Lydia can use her judgement on the amount of security deposit to require of non-profits.

Membership. Sharon presented two new applicants for approval. Kristine Fitzhugh 1545 Escobita Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (tel: 326-6253) and Lucile Spurlock, 856 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (tel: 323-5358). Sharon moved that they be accepted and the Board approved unanimously.

Scholarship. Ellen reported that the committee met on November 9 and agreed that the committee should establish some guidelines for our philanthropy. The next meeting is December 16 at 5 p.m. and Jeanne McDonnell will give some background on past activities of the Woman's Club. Enid Pearson, Jeanne McDonnell, Barbara Carlitz, Sue Kemp, Lydia Pugliese, and Carolyn Emmerson volunteered to serve on Ellen's committee. Emily will be ex officio. A survey is in the December newsletter.

Emily reported that the CFWC will have a Centennial march in the Capitol in Sacramento on January 18 in case any Board members are interested.

At our December luncheon we will again have a basket to receive grocery gift certificates or cash gifts for the Support Network for Battered Women. We will also have our traditional $5 gift exchange.

Emily thanked Julie Jerome for taking the minutes in Sarah French's absence.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Woman's Club of Palo Alto Philanthropy Committee
December 16, 1999, Meeting

Present: Ellen Smith, Jeanne McDonnell, Enid Pearson, Lydia Pugliese, Emily Renzel
(Sue Kemp had hoped to attend but the plumber was late!)

In the course of the meeting, we decided to adopt the name Philanthropy Committee, because donations will not be made to individuals or in the form of actual scholarships.

The discussion focused on "principles"--defining what the committee will do and how it will work. We agreed on the following, which should be considered guidelines, not hard and fast rules:

1. We will make donations to organizations directly, not through another agency (such as the Palo Alto Fund).
2. Donations will be to organizations, not to individuals.
3. We will consider only organizations suggested/sponsored by Club members--i.e., we will not publicly invite applications.
4. We have a focus on women and children, although we will not limit ourselves to organizations strictly serving them.
5. We will support organizations throughout our membership area--i.e., not limited to Palo Alto--in order to be of service where there is serious need.
6. We will support organizations with a direct service program and not those identified with a wider political agenda. (This is a fuzzy thing--mainly, we want to avoid controversial issues that might polarize the membership.)
7. The maximum grant we will make to any one organization will be 20 percent of the funds available. (Note that this means we would fund at least five groups per year.)

In addition , we agreed that decisions on donations should be made by April of each year, with a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the May meeting--at which the Board would also determine or finalize the amount of money that is available for distribution. (This is close to the end of the fiscal year, so that decision can be made.) Checks could then be mailed in June.

Jeanne said she had discussed with the History Committee the question of historical precedents for giving. Although there has been an emphasis on women and girls and community improvement, the specific projects over the years have varied greatly. (They have avoided controversy, however--the Club did not take a stand on woman suffrage, for example!)

Ellen reported that only two responses to the newsletter survey had come in. We agreed we will repeat the survey in the January newsletter, along with the committee report, and add a request for specific organizations. Members will be asked to enclose a brochure or other similar information for the group and return the form by February 14. (Members should also be encouraged to report any donations made on behalf of the Club to Ella Vandervoort or to the Philanthropy Committee.)

Enid explained that the Club has four accounts: a checking account for ongoing operations, a money market fund that is a reserve for the checking account, a capital fund, and a designated scholarship fund that has something over $5,000 at this time. The scholarship fund has been considered an endowment, with the interest available for donation. Enid would like to see this used more aggressively.

Emily stated that there may be $5,000-$10,000 available from rental income (beyond the scholarship fund) that is not needed for Clubhouse maintenance and improvements. Wow!

One proposal was to state that we would offer a minimum of $5,000 per year. Another idea was that we might offer a multi-year grant to some organizations--e.g., a total of $3,000 over three years. In this way we could establish a sponsoring relationship. We did agree, however, that support should not be open-ended or guaranteed from year to year. We also talked about having one or more of the organizations we support present a report on their work for one of our lunch meetings.

January 5, 2000 Minutes

Treasurers Report: $55,220.60 in Assets

History Committee: unsuccessfully nominated Emily Renzel as outstanding woman to the Loma Prieta District. Motion approved to allow History Committee to get Clubhouse on the National Register of Historic Places.

Membership: 1 new member approved.

Philanthropy: Ellen Smith and Enid to determine if $5,000 or $10,000 is an appropriate amount for Board to allocate to Philanthropy this year. Motion approved to use the $6,200.00 from the Scholarship Fund for use as part of Philanthropy awards. $500.00 raised at Christmas for Battered Women's Shelter.

Hospitality: Mary Fran Pollard died; $50.00 donated to Scholarship Fund.

Garage Sale: Tentative Date on March 11, 2000.

Adjourned; Next Board Meeting on February 2, 2000

2/2/2000

NEXT BOARD MEETING
March 1, 2000
11:00 a .m.

Members Present:

Emily Renzel
Sarah French
Enid Pearson
Lydia Pugliese
Ella Vandervoot
Trudy Lung
Margaret Gould
Ellen Smith

Members Excused or Absent:

Sharon Small
Barbara Carlitz
Anne Ercolani
Julie Jerome
Margaret Feuer
Mary Hansen
Arline Dehlinger
Dorothy Arbuckle

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Emily Renzel.

Reports:

The minutes of January 2, 2000, were approved as written.

Treasurer's Report--a written report fron Enid Pearson was supplied. Current funds in our accounts are $50,722.63. Report will be filed for audit.

House and Grounds--Emily reported for Margaret Feuer that we are waiting for a quote on a dishwasher. The service for electric wiring of the dishwasher will be approximately $850.00.

Rentals--Lydia reported that there are no new contracts signed since the last report. There are many people who have toured and are considering renting, but no one has made any deposits. The swing dance classes will bring in approximately $1,500.00.

Membership--Emily reports for Sharon that we have four new members. Miriam L. Jacob, Barbara Martin, Ellie Heister and Joan MacKenzie. Emily moved that they be accepted and the Board unanimously approved.

Philanthropy--Ellen reported that the committee is continuing to examine different groups and will made a recommendation to the Board at the March meeting. A clarification from last month's minutes: There is an understanding and commitment that the Board will budget at least $5,000.00, per year for philanthrophic purposes.

Sunshine--Trudy and Ella visited Louise Houghton; she is doing well. Mary Fran Pollard has passed away and we will make the $50.00, donation in her name.

Newsletter--Arline has requested a replacement as Editor of the Newsletter. If any Board member knows of someone who may be interested, please let Emily know.

Nominating Committee--The committee consists of Doris Salabert, Sarah French, Lydia Pugliese, Carol Murden and Jeanne McDonnell. The committee is contacting current Board members regarding their interest in continuing on the Board for next year. The

cont: Board 2/2/2000

committee will be contacting other members of the Club also. The slate will be ready as necessary.

Other Business: There will be a garage sale on March 11, 2000. Each table will cost 10:00, and the sale will be from 9 - 1 p.m. Sarah French asked that the Board consider purchasing a fax/copy machine for the Club. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded that Sarah puchase a machine not to exceed $500.00. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sarah French
Recording Secretary

Membership Report

Miriam L. Jacob, 677 Georgia Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (Tel: 493-3907) is a licensed social worker and currently is working in long-term care sales. Miriam includes drumming among her recreational pursuits. Miriam is sponsored by Zorina Wolf and Emily Renzel

Barbara Martin is member Carol Martin's daughter and is moving back to this area from Rancho La Costa, CA. Barbara is sponsored by Carol Martin and Sharon Small.

Eleanor (Ellie) Heister, 107 Emerson Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (Tel: 328-9602) is a retired elementary school teacher. She lived out of the country for over 15 years and was a member of the American Women's Clubs in Montreal, Canada; Tokyo, Japan; and in Switzerland. She is interested in book discussion groups. Ellie is sponsored by Emily Renzel and Gail Woolley.

Joan MacKenzie, 925 Siskiyou Drive, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (Tel: 854-4089) is a retired Industrial Economist. Her hobbies are reading and investing. Joan is sponsored by Jeanne McDonnell and Emily Renzel.

Sharon Small, Membership Chair

Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
Minutes
March 1, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by President Emily Renzel. Present were Sharon Small, Margaret Gould, Dorothy Arbuckle, Trudy Lung, Ella Vandervoort, Julie Jerome, Lydia Pugliese, Barbara Carlitz, Ellen Smith, and Emily Renzel. Mary Hansen was absent due to a death in her family. Enid Pearson and Anne Ercolani were absent due to their tax accounting work and Sarah French is on her honeymoon.

Minutes. Emily pointed out that Sarah French incorporated her two late clarifying corrections to the January minutes. The February minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report. Emily reported that our cash position is about the same as last month. Enid will have a written report for the next meeting.

Membership. Sharon Small presented four new applicants for membership: Karen Recht, Autumn Stanley, Maureen McCarthy Draper, and Nanci Kauffman. All were accepted unanimously. Sharon also reported that we are just about out of Yearbooks and asked what might be done. The Board agreed to pursue republication of the Yearbooks to get us through September. Emily will check with Heidi Lewis.

Rentals. Lydia Pugliese reported that as of 3/1/2000 we have brought in for the year $14,175, including deposit money. Because only half of the rent and half of the deposit are accounted for in that amount, it suggests a projected final income very near our $24,000/year goal. Lydia also asked the Board to consider whether we should advertise in Here Comes the Guide's Event Sites magazine. It would cost about $2500/year. The consensus was that we get enough business from the Guide itself which costs us about $1000/year.

Philanthropy. Ellen Smith reported that her committee will have a recommendation for recipients at our next Board meeting. Depending on the decision of the committee, there could be between 5 and 10 recipients. Ellen asked the Board for suggestions on how to actually give the gifts. The Board thought it would be informative to our membership if we made a brief presentation at our June luncheon meeting.

Newsletter. Arline Dehlinger is planning to "retire" as Editor and is actively seeking a replacement whom she is willing to train.

Sunshine. Trudy Lung said she had visited Frances Payne, Betty Bonn, Grace Bodley, and Phoebe Seagrave who are all about the same. Dorothy Arbuckle's sister Iona Ahrens died. Georgia Spears' husband Gordon died, and Mary Hansen's sister and mother had recently died. The Board voted to donate to the Philanthropy fund

House & Grounds. The ballroom floor was recently refinished. About $750 of the cost came from event deposits. Margaret Feuer, Chair of the House & Grounds Committee, asked Emily to bring to the Board the idea of getting a high end household dishwasher (eg. Bosch) with a short cycle instead of a commercial dishwasher. (The cost of a commercial dishwasher including electrical and installation work has risen to $5190.) The Board concurred with this approach. Barbara Carlitz recommended that we check the rack sizes to be sure they will accommodate the kinds of dishes/cups/bowls that we have.

Other Business. Dorothy Arbuckle said that Georgia Spears had told her the Club had never made the traditional $100 gift to her as outgoing President. The Board voted unanimously to research the matter and pay Georgia if it had not been done. Dorothy Arbuckle shared a 1994 news article during Georgia's Presidency about the Council members joining to boost membership from the then 55 members.

Emily announced that the San Jose Woman's Club is having a fashion show and luncheon on April 7. Also, Dorothy is going to the District Convention. The Board voted to allocate up to $150 to pay for Dorothy's expenses.

Emily announced that Sarah purchased and delivered our new fax/copier. It is a Panasonic and cost about $250.

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Next Board Meeting
JUNE 7, 2000
11 a.m.

Palo Alto Woman's Club May 3, 2000

Members Present

Emily Renzel	Julie Jerome
Sharon Small	Mary Hansen
Sarah French	Lydia Pugliese
Ella Vandervoot	Ellen Smith
Enid Pearson	Dorothy Arbuckle
Anne Ercolani	incoming board member Wanda Kavanaugh

Members Absent or Excused

Trudy Lung	Arline Delingher
Barbara Carlitz	Margaret Feuer

The meeting was called to order at 11:10 a.m. by Emily Renzel.

The minutes of April 5, 2000, were approved as written

Reports

Treasurer's Report--a written report fron Enid was supplied. Current net worth=$57,507.78. The report will be filed for audit.

House and Grounds-- a report was furnished by Margaret Feuer. A discussion of building improvement costs, e.g., refurnishing foyer, $6,000, bride's room, $1,300. These are approximate costs and are being considered by the committee. The dishwasher is in and working well.

Membership--Sharon Small reported that we have five new member--Connie Fasani, Linh P. Nguyen, Sandra Pearson, Helene Pier, and Kathy Torgersen. Sharon moved that they be accepted and the Board unanimously approved. We currently have 138 active members.

Philanthrophy--Ellen Smith reported that letters have been sent to all recipients of the scholarships and have been invited to attend the June luncheon for presentation of the checks. It will be the hope that each year the Woman's Club will be able to donate $5,000.00 to charitable causes.

Finance Committee--Anne Ercolani presented the 2000 budget. There were minor changes, e.g., interest estimated at $1,800 rather than $1,000 and Dues estimated at an income of $1,600 rather than $1,230. The budget will be presented at the June meeting for approval. The total for the year 2000 is estimated at approximately $61,000.00.

Rental--a report was submitted. The Club is on target for the rental of 24/year. The rental rate will be boosted to $1,400, as of July, 2000, and in January, 2001, the fee will be raised to $1,500. A motion was unanimously passed to accept the increase in fees.

Sunshine--Trudy submitted a report that Grace Bodley and Jean Pechnik passed away. A motion was unanimously passed that the contribution of $100.00 be made to the Philanthropy Fund in their honor.

Other Business--The new Board Members will be installed at the May luncheon and Trudy Lung will be made an Honorary Member. Ella reported that Dorothy, Trudy and she attended the Loma Prieta meeting, a good time was had by all. A reminder : There is $100.00, available to the luncheon chair for supplemental funds if necessary to help defray the luncheon costs.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sarah French
Secretary

Woman's Club of Palo Alto
Proposed Budget 1999-2000

Unrestricted Funds

'98-'99 excess receipts carryover			12,480
Receipts			
Rentals ($1,200 + $50 + $250) x 28		42,000	
Activities/Fundraising		1,500	
Membership Dues ($50 x 100)		5,000	
Interest income		1,000	
Total Receipts			49,500
Total Unrestricted Receipts			61,980
Administrative Expenses			
Activities, Speaker & Program	1,500		
Advertising	650		
Check Charges	25		
Convention Expense	100		
Dues-State & District ($10 x 100)	1,000		
Gifts	100		
Miscellaneous	100		
Office & postage	1,650		
Professional /Accountant	1,440		
Security deposit refunds	7,000		
Telephone	1,500		
Year Book & Newsletter	850		
Total Administrative Expenses		15,915	
Building Expenses			
Building Fund	1,200		
Custodian ($300/mo plus $40 per event)	4,800		
Gardening/yard maintenance ($85/mo + 530)	1,600		
Household Supplies	2,400		
Insurance (Building & General)	2,500		
License & permit	220		
Maintenance	2,880		
Property taxes (building and personal property)	1,650		
Utilities ($330/mo)	3,960		
Total Building Expenses		21,210	
Committee Expenses			
'98-99 carryover-scholarship	1,600		
Historical Committee	1,000		
House and Grounds Committee	21,255		
Scholarship Committee	1,000		
Total Committee Expenses		24,855	
Total Unrestricted Expenses			61,980
Excess Receipts over Expenses			-0-

3200.00 civil survey

Woman's Club of Palo Alto
Proposed Budget 1999-2000

Restricted Funds

Receipts		
From Unrestricted Funds	1,000	
Scholarship Fundraising		
Scholarship Interest income	250	
Total Restricted Receipts		1,250
Expenses		
Scholarships		1000
Total Restricted Expenses		
Excess Receipts over Expenses		250

Board Attendance.....1999-2000

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	April.	May.	June
Emily	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ella	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sharon	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Enid	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	✓	✓
Sarah	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X
Trudy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X	✓
Anne	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	✓	X
Arline	X	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	X	X
Barbara	✓	✓	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	X	X
Julie	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
Margaret (EX-OFF)	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	X	X	✓
Mary	✓	✓	✓	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓
Lydia	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	X
Ellen	✓	X	✓	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
DOROTHY (EX-OFF)	✓	X	✓	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	X
Nina Trangott										X
Wanda										✓

X = excused

✓ = present

O = absent

Palo Alto Woman's Club
Community Activities
2000-2001

Nearly all of our members are individually contributing to the community in significant ways. Five of our members are currently serving on the Palo Alto City Council. Six others are former Mayors or City Councilmembers. Several members have served on the School Board, Historic Resources Board, and on other Boards and Commissions. Our members volunteer with Friends of the Library, Project Read, Historical Preservation Groups, Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing, League of Women Voters, Hidden Villa, Peninsula Conservation Center, Music in the Schools, neighborhood associations, and many other public spirited groups.

This year our Club's Philanthropy Committee will again be selecting organizations to receive grants up to a total of $5000 budgeted for that purpose. The Committee focusses on groups primarily serving women and children and groups where the modest amount we can grant can truly make a difference. Last year our recipients were Foundation for a College Education, Hidden Villa, Music in the Schools, Redwood City Library Foundation, and YWCA of the Mid-Peninsula.

Our Club continues to make our facility available to non-profit groups at cost. Last year among the groups who availed themselves of our building were the Live Poets Society, the California Preservation Foundation, Palo Alto Stanford Heritage, the Children's Creative Learning Center, University South Neighborhood Group, and the City of Palo Alto.

We will again raise funds and gifts at our December meeting for the Support Network for Battered Women. Last year we raised $500 plus gifts.

Finally, we try, in our luncheon programming to showcase people and groups who provide service to the greater community. This year we will hear from Project Read, a literacy project; Dancing Divas, a program to teach dance performance to low income high school students; the Palo Alto High School Madrigal singers, and two of our members who produced a book on the Refugees in Albania. Last year we showcased Opportunities Industrialization Center West, the Madrigals, and the Gamble Garden Center.

To sum up, this year our Club will be awarding $5000 in grants, we will be making our building available to non-profit groups at cost, we will have a special holiday fundraising for Battered Women, and we will be showcasing community service groups at our luncheon meetings.

Emily Renzel, President
Palo Alto Woman's Club

Festa Italiana!

Italian wine tasting, delicious antipasti and general frivolity

Palo Alto Woman's Club

475 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Saturday, 15 May, 6 : - 8 : p.m.
1999

$25 per person – benefits our scholarship fund which is sending children from E. Palo Alto to Hidden Villa Camp this summer

Open to all -- members, friends, spouses...

To reserve call Emily Renzel, 328.4165 or Margaret Feuer, 325.4543 or send your check to the Woman's Club

Arrivederci!

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

June 1999 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

New President's Message

The last few years have seen a wonderful renaissance for The Woman's Club. I want to personally thank our outgoing President, Margaret Feuer, for her tremendous leadership--not only during her presidency but also during her earlier service on the Board. Margaret recognized the special legacy and traditions of the Club and made sure that we had a strong History Committee under the leadership of Jeanne McDonnell. Margaret got The Woman's Club into the *Here Comes the Guide* so that we have become a very popular wedding reception site for earning money to maintain our Clubhouse. Margaret organized the House and Grounds Committee to make sure our building is safe and beautiful--and Margaret fostered our Tuesday evening club events for our working members. Thank you, Margaret, for your energetic and creative leadership.

Special thanks also to our outgoing Board Members, Dorothy Arbuckle, Edie Kirkwood, Marlene Prendergast, Susie Richardson and Joyce Voorhies. Your contributions to the Board have been outstanding and we shall miss you.

Our Italian Festa fundraiser on May 15th was a tremendous success. It was fun and it raised enough money for the Scholarship Fund to send two young ladies to camp at Hidden Villa this summer. Congratulations and thank you to Barbara Carlitz and her hard-working committee for this very successful event.

Although there are no meetings during July and August, the Board and I will be hard at work with our Yearbook Editor, Heidi Lewis, getting next year's edition ready. I hope that each of you will think about the talents you can contribute to the Club next year, because I will probably be calling on you to help out.

Our member, Zorina Wolf, will again preside over a fun drumming session at our June 16 meeting. I hope to see you all there.

Emily

Happy 90th Birthday to Violet Henley!

Wednesday, June 16th

Zorina and "The Language of Drums"

BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST

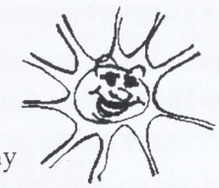
One year ago, almost to the day (June 17, 1998), Zorina Wolf introduced us to the joys of drumming...If you missed it last year, don't miss it again!

11:45 Member and guest sign-in
12:00 President's Welcome
12:20 Program
1:00 Dessert and Conversation

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person
Hostess: Mary Davey

....from the

Sunshine Lady



Violet Henley's 90th birthday party was held in her new home at Birches Residential Care on May 30th. Six members of the Woman's Club attended and wished her a Happy Birthday.

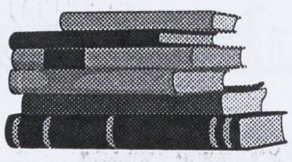
NEWS NOTES: Betty Bonn is recuperating...Dorothy Arbuckle is unable to get around...I (Trudy) am planning on having the yearly Bridge play-off soon; if you're interested call me at 321-1739.

Trudy Lung

Look Inside!

Book List, New Members, Budget, Festa Italiana Report and more!!!

Book Group



Tuesday, June 27 The Book Club will meet at 7:30. The last book in our spring series of books by contemporary northern California women writers is *Into the Forest* by Joan Hegland. Call Sharon Small at 326-7408 to join.

History Committee

Tuesday, June 22 - Committee on Club History meets at 10:30 am. New members welcome. Call Jeanne McDonnell at 321-5260.

Festa Report

Pictured at left is Barbara Carlitz, who organized Festa Italiana, and Barbara Pugliese, who set up the wine tasting and made sure that we all understood what we were supposed to be looking for in red wines. Barbara Pugliese and her husband, who own Vin, Vino, Wine, donated all of the wines; the commercial food donors were Palermo, Caffe Verona, Mollie Stone, and Whole Foods. 53 people attended (tickets totaled $1,325.00, donations $395.00) and the total collected was $1,720.00, enough to send two East Palo Alto girls to Hidden Villa Camp this summer!

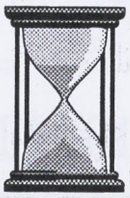
Many thanks to all those who telephoned, cooked, set up, cleaned up, and anything else that helped make this fundraiser a great success--besides being fun, too.

Investment Club

Tuesday, June 15, Investment Club meets at 6:30 pm (with dinner) the 3d Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be September 21.

Membership Dues

We hope that you all will join the WCPA for another year and that you mail in your dues ($50.00).



History Corner

Good Talks

Some of you probably wonder what in the world the History Committee does every month, after all, doesn't everybody already know everything of importance that happened years ago?

One of the admittedly minor things we do is complain to each other that we know the titles but little or nothing about the content of talks at past club meetings. In the early years, the secretary kept minutes of general as well as of board meetings, recording who spoke but seldom what they said. We wish we knew what the President of Stanford University, Dr. Jordan, said in his 1894 talk called "Fool Killer," or what Mrs. Hall had to say the next year about the "Indians of Arizona" at a time when that civilization was less Europeanized than it is now.

Our May speaker on public art, Judith Wasserman, from the Palo Alto Arts Commission, followed in a Club tradition of art talks, with titles a century or so ago such as "Thorwaldson, the Sculptor," "William Morris, Artist and Socialist," "Ceramics," "Pottery and Sketching," "Art in Holland."

For Club historians of the third millenium, then, Ms. Wasserman said that the Art Commission's mandate is education and outreach with a public program every year, selection of art placed at different locations in the community, and advising developers and evaluating their public benefit art.

Why don't we have any men on horses or Lincoln Memorial types of art? Because Palo Alto is only 100 years old and besides, the current style integrates art into its surroundings, for example, with street furniture, or a composite of pieces that symbolize layers of history. Ms. Wasserman showed us slides of more art in Palo Alto than I believe most of us knew was here, and she praised Byxbee Park at the Baylands, old tiles on downtown buildings, and said that the big metal statue of a person pushing a wheel at Mitchell Park is well-liked.

Jeanne McDonnell, Club Historian

New Member Welcome

Judy Kleinberg, 722 Ashby Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 408-882-0900). She is an attorney and law professor and currently the executive director of Kids in Common. Judy has also been president of the American Heart Association of Palo Alto. Her hobbies include hiking, symphony, sailing, and travel.

Jan Runyan, 27642 Vogue Court, Los Altos Hills, CA 94022 (tel: 941-8017). Jan is a retired director of the EPRI (Electric Power Research Institute). She was formerly on the board of the Palo Alto League of Women Voters. Her interests include education and child care.

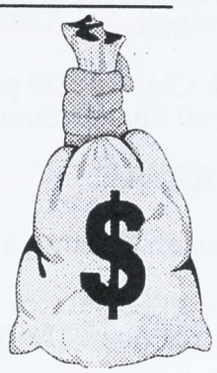
Greer Ellison Wolfson, 222 Sequoia Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (tel: 326-9008). Greer is a modern and baroque flutist. Recently she performed with West Bay Opera and with the Albany Consort here at the Women's Club. Besides teaching flute, she volunteers for PAUSD.

Karen Olson, 566 Washington Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 325-5687 ext. 307). Karen is currently working as a travel agent, and is a docent at The Stanford Museum of Art. She has served on the board of Peninsula CommunityFoundation.

Shulamith Rubenfien, 501 Kingsley, Palo Alto, CA 94301. She is a board member of Cantor Art Center, Stanford, and has been the president of Daruma Inc. (importing). She enjoys travel.

Christine Logan, 437 Webster St., Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 617-7321). Christine is the Director of Fund Development and Community Relations at Lytton Gardens. She is a volunteer at Grace Luthern Church and the Palo Alto YMCA, Her hobbies include family camping, swimming and travel.

Treasurer's Report



For the month of April '99:

Beginning Balance:	$33,837.64
Income:	$ 5,049.30
Disbursements:	$ 5,097.84
To Scholarship Fund:	$ 100.00
Checking Account Balance:	$33,689.10
Scholarship Fund	$ 5,579.83
Building Fund	$11,767.22

Ella Vandervoort,

The Book Group/Nobel Prize Winners

Coordinators, Sue Beaver, Jeanne McDonnell, and Sharon Small, created a category of books for the end-of-century-women who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in the 20th Century. The Book Club will read, in chronological order, the five novelists of the seven awards given.

If you read more in the summer, you can prepare for fall by taking notes to jump start your memory when we discuss the books.

SEPTEMBER 28: Swedish author Selma Lagerlof won in 1909. Her books are difficult to find, so you can select one of two: The Palo Alto Main Library has *Marbacka* (in the autobiographical section), or you can borrow *Charlotte Lowenskold* from Jeanne McDonnell, who purchased it at Bell's.

OCTOBER 26: Sigrid Undset won in 1928. We will read *Bridal Wreath*, the first book of a trilogy called *Kristin Lavransdatter*, available in paperback.

NOVEMBER 16: Pearl Buck, won in 1938. We'll read her most famous book, *The Good Earth*.

DECEMBER 15: Nadine Gordimer, who won in 1991, is still an active writer whose stories take place in Africa. She had a story in the New Yorker in May. To date it is undecided which book we will read.

JANUARY 25: Toni Morrison won in 1993. We will read her latest book, *Paradise*, published in 1997.

A thought about the list: That there were two winners in the 1990's and five in the 90 previous years may be a sign that women will get a fairer break with Nobel trustees of the next century.

Meetings are the fourth Tuesday except for November, when we will sit together at the monthly Club lunch to discuss Gordimer. One of the group gets biographical information about an author and, if possible, reads more than one book by her. If you cannot attend the June meething, when we will sign up for these tasks, but want to lead a discussion, call Jeanne.

In an article in the New York Times about book groups, the reporter checked with a history professor who said that a hundred years ago, "such groups played an important part in the city's cultural life." We like to think that about the Woman's Club at this turn of the century.

Jeanne McDonnell

Proposed Budget

A summary of the proposed budget as submitted by the finance committee for the year June, 1999 through May, 2000:

Excess receipts carryover from 1998-1999	12,480	
Rentals	42,000	
Activities/Fundraising	1,500	
Membership Dues	5,000	
Interest income	1,000	
Total receipts		**61,980**
Carryover from 1998-1999	3,200	
Administrative Expenses	15,915	
Building Expenses	21,210	
Historical Committee	1,000	
House and Grounds Committee	20,355	
Scholarship Committee	300	
Total Expenses		**61,980**
Excess Receipts over Expenses	-0-	

Anne Ercolani

Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

Jeanne Farr McDonnell
1509 Portola Ave.
Palo Alto, CA 94306-1040

Last Issue Until September

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Zorina Wolf will teach us drumming

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for info: Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260

Tuesday, June 27 - Book Club at 7:30 pm
Into The Forest by Joan Hegland; call Sharon Small, 326-7408

SUMMER BREAK!

Wednesday, September 1 - Board Meeting at 11 am

Tuesday, September 14 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Ninna at 328-6112

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June 4, 1999

Emily Renzel
1056 Forest Avenue
Palo Alto CA 94301

Dear Emily,

We so appreciated the Women's Club turnout and your participation on many levels in Violet Henley's 90th birthday celebration on Sunday. A few photos are enclosed. We realize how much your presence meant to Violet as we watch her poring over the many cards and gifts bestowed upon her, savoring the events of her special day. We are grateful for her opportunity to maintain the precious gift of connection with all of you.

Be well and happy yourself throughout the year to come, and mark your calendar for Violet's 91st birthday! Thank you again.

Sincerely,

Martha Frye

Martha D. Frye,
Administrator

Wendy Frye,
Administrator

Enclosures

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

We're having a Welcoming* Party:

Wednesday, Sept. 18th
5:30 pm
at The Clubhouse (475 Homer Ave.)

Meet the new members and renew old friendships with hors d'oeuvres and beverages, a relaxing way to end the work day.

Friends are welcome

*If you joined The Woman's Club in the decade of the 90's, this party is to welcome you!

Remember the date!

Palo AltoWoman's Club
1999-2000 Luncheon Committees

September

Margaret Feuer 325-4543
Dorothy Arbuckle
Grace Bodley
Betty Bonn
Boots Gould
Lois Houghton
Edith Kaiser
Gladys May
Frances Payne
Georgia Spears
Ella Vandervoort

October

Annette Glankopf 321-1280
Suzanne Beaver
Milly Chackerian
Leannah Hunt
Liz Kniss
Janet Lustgarten
Margaret McKee
Dolly Paguirigan
Ann Ream
Anne Saldich
Ninna Traugott

November

Christina Luiz 323-1111 x 375
Barbara Carlitz
Anne Ercolani
Thelma Howard
Yoriko Kishimoto
Jean McCown
Debbie Nichols
Gloria Presley
Janet Runyan
Kimberley Snelgrove
Gail Woolley

December

Joan Holland 326-3169
Angela Bumbera
Arline Dehlinger
Susan Kazul
Heidi Lewis
Mildred Mario
Carol Murden
Mary Fran Pollard
Susie M. Richardson
Kenna Helms
Lanie Wheeler

January

Jana Stevens 327-0370
Gwen Barry
Wanda Cavanaugh
Sarah French
Nancy Huber
Judy Kleinberg
Trudy Lung
Jeanne McDonnell
Elinor Ovenshine
Lydia Pugliese
Doris Salabert

February

Caroline Willis 325-1475
Carolyn Caddes
Cherie Donald
Karen Holman
Sue Kemp
Carol Lin
Carol Martin
Anne Furth Murray
Julia Powers
Laurose Richter
Sharon Small

March

Emily Renzel 321-4165
Betsy Bechtel
Judy Chang
Wynne Furth
Mary Hansen
Julie Jerome
Kay Lamm
Nancy Lytle
Leigh Metzler
Enid Pearson
Micki Schneider
Joyce Voorhies

April

Zorina Wolf 856-9671
Sarah Cane
Sandy Eakins
Gloria Hom
Edie Kirkwood
Mary Lorey
Frances May
Debbie Mytels
Marlene Prendergast
Sophia Ristich
Ellen Smith

May

Barbara Klein 328-0341
Jane Barrett
Lynn Carroll
Susan Freier
Carol Hubenthal
Elizabeth Lucco
Mary McCullough
Karen Olson
Sally Probst
Shulamith Rubenfien
Rosemary Squires
Greer Ellison Wolfson

June

Joan Brennan 324-3657
Mary Davey
Violet Henley
Nancy Kalkbrenner
Irene Lawrence
Christine Logan
Liz Mann
Elaine Meyer
Jean Pechnik
Susie Richardson
Carla Schneiderman
Virginia Warheit

Thanks to each of you for helping out with one of our luncheons. Serving on a luncheon committee is a good way to meet other members and to participate in the Club. It is up to each Chair to set the menu and make assignments. Ideally the meal will be potluck, but if for some reason you are unable to participate, perhaps you can contribute $10-$15 toward the food, napkins, decorations, etc. Cooks do not have to pay the $3.00 lunch fee. If you want to change your luncheon assignment, trade dates with someone on another committee and be sure to notify the respective chairs. Watch out, Martha Stewart!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 1 - Board Meeting at 11 am

Tuesday, September 7 - History Committee at 7:30 pm
for info: Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260

Tuesday, September 14 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Kay Lamm, 327-2724

Wednesday, September 15 - Program Meeting at Noon
Welcome to the New Members!
Don Creswell, Jazz Pianist

Tuesday, September 21 - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Sarah French, 329-9091

Tuesday, September 28 - Book Club at 7:30 pm
call Sharon Small, 326-7408

Wednesday, October 6 - Board Meeting at 11 am

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Susan Kazul
359 Iris Way
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The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

September 1999 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

President's Message

As always, summer has gone by quickly. While you all were vacationing, our House & Grounds Committee, under the direction of Margaret Feuer, has been hard at work to make our building better than ever. Barbara Carlitz has designed a plan to improve the Bride's Room, with new trim, paint, carpet, and a built-in coat rack. Our goal is to reflect our craftsman-style building in our furnishings, colors, and hardware. A new cushion for the banquette is in the works. We hope to have a new commercial dishwasher in place before the September luncheon. Mary McCullough has supervised the beautiful new plantings out in front.

Heidi Lewis has spent her summer working on the new Yearbook, which has a new look and a new format for easier use. Thank you, Heidi!

The Program Committee has worked hard to provide interesting and provocative programs for our luncheon meetings held on the third Wednesday of each month. Please plan to attend. The company is friendly, the food is delicious, and the price is right.

I'm looking forward to working with all of you in the upcoming months to see that we all have a good time as we pursue the Club's goals of friendship, self-improvement, and community involvement.

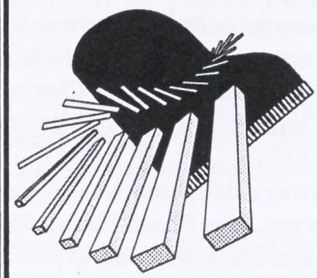
Emily

In Memoriam - Betty Brichta's memorial service was held on August 4, 1999 at the Palo Alto Masonic Temple; her family requests that donations be made to Friends of the Palo Alto Children's Theatre.

Wednesday, September 15

FIRST MEETING OF THE 1999-2000 YEAR

TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jazz pianist, **Don Creswell**, will be entertaining us with background music

11:45 Member and guest sign-in
12:00 President's Welcome
12:20 Program
1:00 Dessert and Conversation

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

HOSTED BY THE GAVELIERS

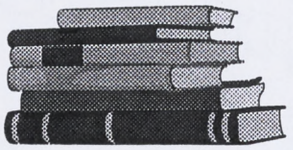
Woman's Club Exhibit

In September, the Palo Alto main library on Newell Road will have a display case with an exhibit about The Woman's Club. Don't forget to check it out! We will also have copies of the Newsletter for prospective members to take.

Look Inside!

Luncheon List, New Members, Book Club List and more!

Book Group



Tuesday, September 28, The Book Club will meet at 7:30 to discuss Selma Lagerlof's books.

"Rich Schagerstrom maintained that he would have been nothing but a lout and a rapscallion, except for a strange sort of luck that attended him throughout the early years of his life...It had been his good fortune to be an ugly and awkward boy...whose parents...never could abide him."

Those words were written by Selma Lagerlof, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1909 and who will be the first author we will discuss in our fall series of books by the five women novelists who won the Prize.

Lagerlof's books deserve to be better known, but they are out of print, so we are reading either *Marbecka* from the nonfiction section of the main library or *Charlotte Lowenskold*, which Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260, owns and will graciously lend.

The Book Group is always delighted to add new members. If you want to try us out, give **Susan Kazul, 565-9109**, your name and number, and she'll add you to the list of people she reminds monthly by email or phone.

Starting in February, 2000, we will read the most influential books by women of the 20th Century. Please contact us if you have a recommendation. So far we have selected Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, and Margaret Mead's *Coming of Age in Samoa*.

History Committee

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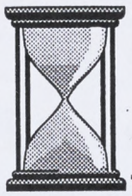
Investment Club

Tuesday, September 21, The Investment Club meets at 6:30 pm (with dinner) the 3d Tuesday of each month. Call Julia Powers at 321-5562.

Anyone for cards?

If you have always wanted to learn to play bridge, cribbage, or canasta, some members are interested in starting a Game Night on the first Tuesday of the month. This would be a low key, informal chance to socialize and relax at the Clubhouse. Call Trudy Lung at 321-1739 if you're interested.



History Corner

The History Committe

The history committee has been busy for the past two years transcribing the minutes of the Palo Alto Woman's Club. Members Jeanne McDonnell, Elaine Meyer, Joan Holland, and Peggy McKee meet once a month to assess the progress and goals of their undertaking. We have enjoyed "walking down Memory Lane" and chronicling the evolution of the Club over the more than a century of its existence; we have completed reading and transcribing the minutes up through the early 1920's.

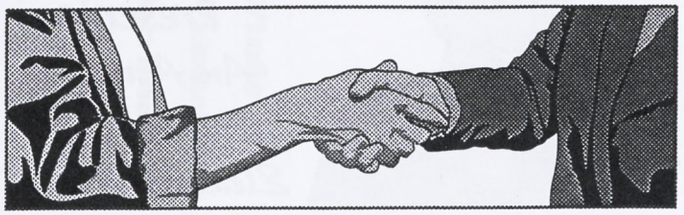
With twenty-four founding members, the Club was chartered in 1894 and joined the state Federation in 1898. The very first minutes (July, 1894) defined the organization's goal: "To do practical work for the members and the community." The original members drafted a constitution and formed a governing Board with Departments of Education, Philanthropy, Art and Literature, Home and Household Economics, and Fund Raising. By 1900, the number of Departments expanded to include Library, Science and Education, and Village Improvement. Usually, at each meeting the Department Chairs gave their reports, one of the members or a guest presented a lecture, another member or guest provided entertainment, and all enjoyed a social hour before adjournment. The speakers addressed topics such as the rights of children, women's issues including suffrage, settlement house work, nutrition, marriage, prison reform, citizenship, temperance and a host of others too numerous to mention here. In 1895, they cheered two "new women" who rode their bicycles to the October meeting.

However, from the very outset, the "Ladies of the Club" involved themselves in almost every aspect of the educational, civic, political, and cultural life of Palo Alto. At the very first meetings, the members called upon the city of Palo Alto to build a sewerage system, to employ a woman in the police department, to develop a public library, to plant trees, to protect endangered species, to increase support for education. In 1901, the Woman's Club voted to defeat a motion denying admission of "colored women's clubs to the General Federation." In 1908, a group of members requested that the Club create a committee on women's suffrage; this topic appears repeatedly throughout the early years of the century, and the Club celebrated when California women won the right to vote in 1911.

Reading through the minutes and the yearly summaries (put together by Joan Holland) provides a fascinating account of the Club's concerns and activities during its early years. We on the history committee are continuing our project of transcribing. What we have completed so far will go into archives at the Club, at the University of California at Santa Cruz, and in Washington, DC. We are compiling what we think is a valuable resource for future students and historians researching women's movements and women's clubs. Check the display table at the Palo Alto Public Library, Main Branch, during the month of September for an exhibit on the Woman's Club. If you would like to know more about the history committee, attend its monthly meetings, or help with the transcribing, contact Jeanne McDonnell (650/321-5260).

Peggy McKee

New Member Welcome



Cherie Donald, 817 Sycamore, Palo Alto, 94303 (tel: 856-7629). Cherie is in charge of student body accounts at Palo Alto High School. She has worked for the Centennial, and for political campaigns. Her interests include gardening, sports, and home improvement.

Carolyn Emmerson, (address to be provided later), is a social worker by profession. She is moving back to Palo Alto from Madison, Wisconsin after an absence of 4 years. Carolyn volunteered with her church and with the tutoring program at El Buen Pastor. Her hobbies are cooking, walking, and crossword puzzles.

Wynne Furth, 216 Everett, Palo Alto, (tel: 329-2171). Wynne is a lawyer in the city attorney's office. She is a former board member of the YWCA and of the Vivian Welde School. She enjoys gardening.

Annette Glanckopf, 2747 Bryant, Palo Alto, 94306 (tel: 321-1280). Annette works as a healthcare consultant. She has volunteered for Christmas in April, Leadership Midpeninsula, AHA and Achieve. She enjoys travel and geology.

Kenna S. Helms, 890 Sharon Court, Palo Alto, 94301 (tel: 321-4141). Kenna is Manager of Trust Administration at Comerica Bank. She is a member of the California State Bar Association and the Junior League of Palo Alto. Her hobbies are reading and politics.

Elizabeth Lucco, 1094 Forest Avenue, Palo Alto, 94301 (tel: 328-3125). Elizabeth is currently working as a writer. She was previously a technical writer and content editor for computer software games, and past board member for Women in Communications. Elizabeth enjoys hiking and swimming.

Nancy Lytle, 124 Primrose Way, Palo Alto, 94303 (tel: 493-0204). She is the program coordinator for San Jose Redevelopment Agency, and has been a boardmember of the P.A. YMCA, and a girl scout leader of Troop 795. Nancy is a member of the American Planning Association.

Sharon Small

The Book Group's Women Nobel Prize Winners

Coordinators, Sue Beaver, Jeanne McDonnell, and Sharon Small, created a category of books for the end-of-century-women who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in the 20th Century. The Book Club will read, in chronological order, the five novelists of the seven awards given.

If you read more in the summer, you can prepare for fall by taking notes to jump start your memory when we discuss the books.

SEPTEMBER 28: Swedish author Selma Lagerlof won in 1909. Her books are difficult to find, so you can select one of two: The Palo Alto Main Library has *Marbacka* (in the autobiographical section), or you can borrow *Charlotte Lowenskold* from Jeanne McDonnell, who purchased it at Bell's.

OCTOBER 26: Sigrid Undset won in 1928. We will read *Bridal Wreath*, the first book of a trilogy called *Kristin Lavransdatter*, available in paperback.

NOVEMBER 16: Pearl Buck, won in 1938. We'll read her most famous book, *The Good Earth*.

DECEMBER 15: Nadine Gordimer, who won in 1991, is still an active writer whose stories take place in Africa; we will read *House Gun*. She had a story in the New Yorker in May.

JANUARY 25: Toni Morrison won in 1993. We will read her latest book, *Paradise*, published in 1997.

A thought about the list: That there were two winners in the 1990's and five in the 90 previous years may be a sign that women will get a fairer break with Nobel trustees of the next century.

Meetings are the fourth Tuesday except for November and December, when they will be after the Investment Club meetings at 8:00 pm. One of the group gets biographical information about an author and, if possible, reads more than one book by her. If you cannot attend the June meeting, when we will sign up for these tasks, but want to lead a discussion, call Jeanne.

In an article in the New York Times about book groups, the reporter checked with a history professor who said that a hundred years ago, "such groups played an important part in the city's cultural life." We like to think that about the Woman's Club at this turn of the century.

Jeanne McDonnell

Treasurer's Report-July 31, 1999

June 30 Balance:	$54,262.70
Rental Income:	$ 3,450.00
Membership Income:	$ 50.00
Interest Earned:	$ 168.00
Total July Income:	$ 3,668.00
Total Expenses:	$ 3,076.00
Excess/Deficiency:	$ 592.00
Account Balances	
Checking:	$27,663.00
Savings	$ 6,668.00
CD's	$21,973.00
July 31 Balance:	$55,304.00

Enid Pearson

Book Club Notes for Fall 1999-2000

We will discuss women novelists in order of their winning the Nobel Prize for Literature. Susan Kazul will make reminder emails and phone calls. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m., usually the 4th Tuesday except November and December. In November the meeting will be after the Investment Club on November 16, and, on December 14 after the Social. The Discussion leader is responsible for biographical information on auther, and, if possible, will have read one additional book by her.

SEPTEMBER 28, 7:30 - **Selma Lagerlof**, *Margecka* or *Charlotte Lowenskold*; discussion leader Jeanne McDonnell, refreshments Sue Beaver.

OCTOBER 26, 7:30 - **Sigrid Undset**, *Bridal Wreath*; discussion leader Sharon Small, refreshments Mary Hansen.

NOVEMBER 16, 7:30 - **Pearl Buck**, *Good Earth*; discussion Mary Hansen, refreshments Anne Ercolani.

DECEMBER 14, 7:30 - **Nadine Gordimer**, *House Gun*, discussion OPEN, please sign up; if you are interested, contact Susan Kazul; refreshments Susan Kazul.

JANUARY 24, 7:30 - **Toni Morrison**, *Paradise*; discussion Heidi Lewis, refreshments Kay Lamm.

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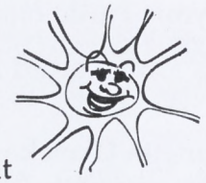

Three of our members are unable to be out and about and would love to get a visit or call.

Gladys May, 617-7563, room 403D

Violet Henley, 852-9004

Phoebe Seagrave, Palo Alto Nursing Center.

During the summer, greeting cards were sent to a number of ill members who are all on the mend now.

Betty Brichta (see In Memoriam) died two months ago.

The board voted to give a $50.00 scholarship honorarium for **Marietta Ferreira** and Emily Renzel's mother.

Dorothy Arbuckle moved to her daughter's home at 116 South Clark, Los Altos, 94024; (tel: 650/948-8026).

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MEMBER WHO NEEDS A CARD OR A CALL, PLEASE CALL ME AT 650/321-1739.

Trudy Lung

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drawer glides	Blum or Accuride	full extension		
material	maple/maple ply			
finish	natural? whitewash			
interior finish			white melamine	
knobs or pulls	owner to select			
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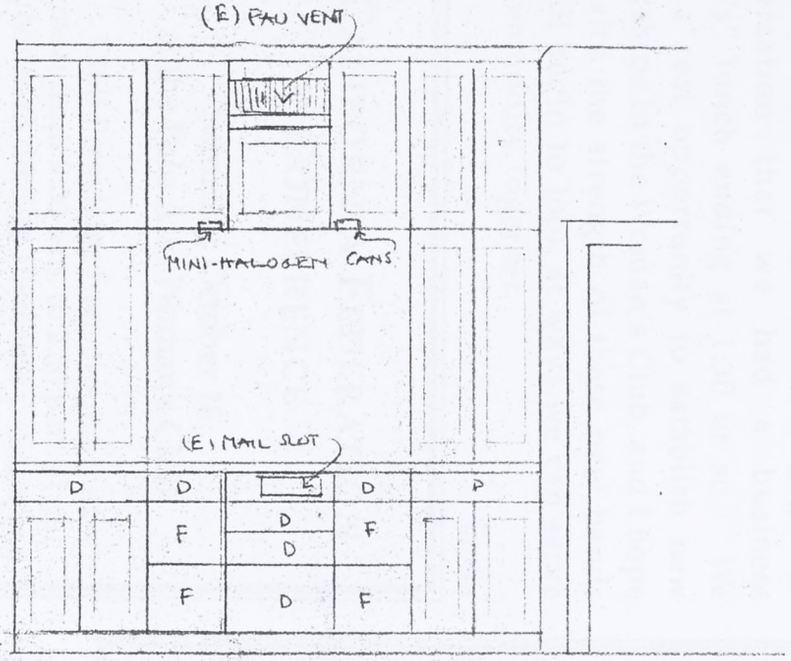

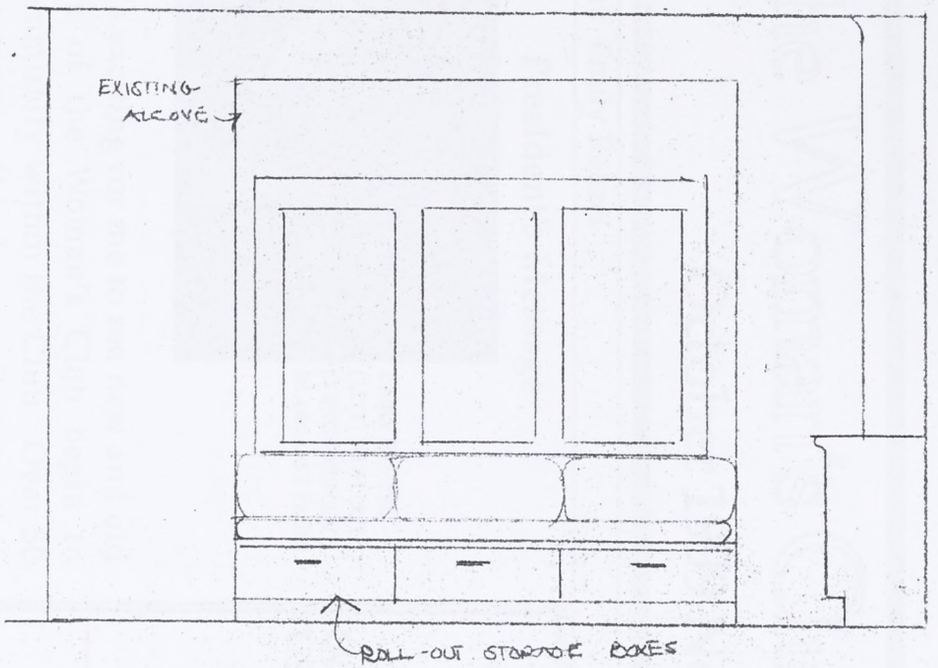

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The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

October 1999 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

President's Message

EMILY RENZEL (LEFT) WITH OUT-GOING PRESIDENT, MARGARET FEUER.

It's exciting for me to see new and old members of the Woman's Club begin to build community within the Club. Over 50 women came together for our first meeting of the year and most were so engaged in conversation that we had a business "man's" lunch ending at 1:30 or so. We have a real opportunity to establish new friendships in the Woman's Club, and I hope that with the strength of these new bonds we will begin to look at ways we can serve our community together.

Emily

CALIFORNIA FEDERATION CONFERENCE

Saturday, October 16
at the Palo Alto Woman's Club

Club Presidents from around the State will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at our Clubhouse to discuss statewide projects and also funding for the State Federation.

Wednesday, October 20

TEEN LATIN DANCERS

Don't miss the fabulous dancing of USA Youth Champion Latin Dancers

Giselle & Genya

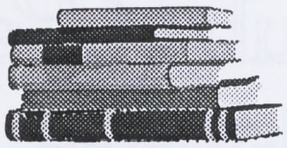
11:45 Member and guest sign-in
12:00 President's Welcome
12:20 Program
1:00 Dessert and Conversation

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person
HOSTED BY ANNETTE GLANCKOPF-ASHTON

Look Inside!

New Members, Book Club, History Corner and more!

Book Group



Tuesday, October 26, The Book Club will meet at 7:30; call Sharon Small, 326-7408

Never Too Late to Join the Book Group

The Book Group motivates its members to read a novel every month. In the fall session, we are reading books by the five women novelists who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in the order of their winning. There are no duds among these world class authors, as you'll realize when you read the book for October, *Bridal Wreath*, by Sigrid Undset. It is rich in ordinary and extraordinary details of life in medieval Norway, such as the emotional ordeal in that society of a woman who was not a virgin on her wedding day, and physical arrangements for a wedding when every piece of cloth was handmade. "The bridal bed had been made ready with silk-covered pillows and lovely blankets had been hung all around as draperies; over the furs and woolen blankets had been spread an embroidered silk coverlet." Women attended the bride as she and the groom went to this beautiful bed, and he placed his wedding gifts in her lap, such as the agreement about property of which she would be full owner, bags of money, keys.

One of the group who has done some extra research opens the discussion, followed by an exchange of ideas and viewpoints that is interesting even if you have not read the book, so do come.

History Committee

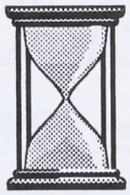
Tuesday, November 2 - Committee on Club History meets at 7:30 pm. New members welcome. Call Jeanne McDonnell at 321-5260.

Investment Club

Tuesday, October 19, The Investment Club meets at 6:30 pm (with dinner) the 3d Tuesday of each month. Call Julia Powers at 321-5562.

Anyone for cards?

If you have always wanted to learn to play bridge, cribbage, or canasta, some members are interested in starting a Game Night on the first Tuesday of the month. This would be a low key, informal chance to socialize and relax at the Clubhouse. Call Trudy Lung at 321-1739 if you're interested.



History Corner

The History Committee

Here are some reasons the members of Club history committee work hard to understand the Club's past and to preserve records that validate the information we, or others, convey.

Organizational records tell the story of the successes and failures of a community and its people and of the issues they considered important. Being able to discuss, document, and illustrate past activities lends an organization credibility in its current efforts. And archives, which the Club committee is building, put history to work and translates past glories to current capital. The successful programs our club developed and implemented as much as a century ago demonstrate credibility, strength, and longevity.

History contributes to a sense of pride, improves morale, helps motivate, and creates a climate of strength and conviction. We paraphrased the above three paragraphs from a booklet entitled, "*Don't Throw It Away*," published by the University of Illinois Great Cities Initiative to convince organizations to preserve and use their records and recommend ways to do that.

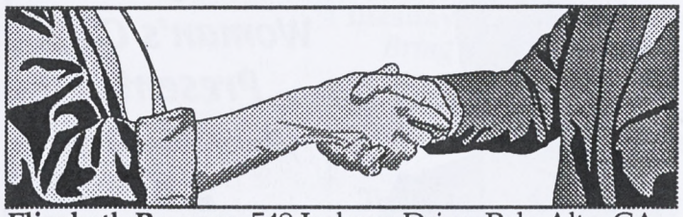
At our last monthly meeting, we reminded ourselves of our accomplishments in the two years since the history committee began work, such as the useful though trying task of inventorying records in the clubhouse. One way we used the inventory was to select and find interesting items to display in the main library in September. We learned too what space we need for better access and preservation of records, and how to organize the material so it can be used.

We are proud of our work so far and of our plans for the future, which we will discuss in coming articles.

Jeanne McDonnell

DR. CAROL CHAMPION, DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL COLLECTIONS AT UC SANTA CRUZ, IN THIS PHOTO IS SHOWING AN EXAMPLE OF THE WAY OUR MINUTES TRANSCRIPTIONS, 1894 - 1920, WILL BE BOUND FOR PRESERVATION AND ACCESS IN THE LIBRARY.

New Member Welcome



Elizabeth Browne, 549 Jackson Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel: 321-6017). Elizabeth is a travel consultant and was formerly a member of the Jr. Woman's Club in Illinois. She has been a volunteer for the American Cancer Society and a liason between Stanford and the Reach to Recovery program. She enjoys travel, ballroom dancing, and golf.

Mary Carlstead, 147 Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel: 326-1794). Mary is a retired research group manager, former teacher, docent at Filoli, and one of the founders of UPROAR. She is active in her church and enjoys writing, geneology, gardening and bridge.

Barbara Foster, 460 Washington Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 325-8711). Barbara is the owner and president of Keynote Speakers, Inc., Palo Alto, a national speakers' bureau. She has served on The City of Palo Alto Centennial Board and the AAUW. Her interests include gardening, libraries, and bicycling.

Dena Mossar, 1024 Emerson, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 329-1082). Dena is currently a councilmember, and a former commute coordinator of PAMRF. She is a founder of TRY Transit campaign, and a founder of SC County Creeks' Coalition. Her hobbies include gardening, painting, and dogs.

Freyda Ravitz, 20200 Lucille Avenue #33, Cupertino, CA 95014 (tel: 408/252-9091). Freyda is a self-employed accountant and consultant. She is the past president of the National Association of Women Business Owners, and the program director and treasurer of the Women's Heritage Museum, Silicon Valley Chapter.

Virginia Warheit, 538 San Benito Avenue, Menlo Park, CA 94025 (tel: 329-2364). Virginia is a city planner. Her hobbies include gardening, reading, old roses, history, and old building preservations.

New Members con't.

Veva Wheaton, 222 Yarborough Lane, Redwood City, CA 94061 (tel: 961-5520). Veva is the office manager and internal accountant for a CPA firm, and has volunteered with the Sequoia Hospital Auxiliary. She is currently serving as Loma Prieta District President. Veva loves to spent time at the beach, especially Pajaro Dunes.

Scholarship Committee

Tuesday, November 9 (at the drop-in social) - call Ellen Smith, 326-0753

After our very successful and enjoyable Festa Italiana fund raiser last spring, we were able to sponsor two week-long camperships at Hidden Villa for girls. In a letter acknowledging our donation, Hidden Villa Executive Director Judith Steiner said, "By enriching our children with farm and wilderness experiences, we encourage their self-esteem, their respect for nature and each other, and their ability to become strong contributors to our communities as they grow up. Your support is a tremendous investment in their futures."

So what shall we do this year? What fun way should we raise money? Shall we continue to use that money to sponsor Hidden Villa camperships or consider other ways to help deserving girls in our area? You are invited to join the Scholarship Committee! We will have our first meeting at the Tuesday, November 9th Drop-in Social. If you can't come and have suggestions, please call me.

....from the

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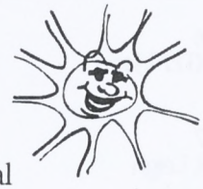

Betty Bonn is back home after a bout in the hospital with pneumonia; her home phone number is 323-4303 for anyone who would like to call and cheer her up.

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MEMBER WHO NEEDS A CARD OR A CALL, PLEASE CALL ME AT 650/321-1739.

Trudy Lung

Treasurer's Report
September 30, 1999

Aug 31 Balance:	$58,989.75	
Rental Income:	$ 3,400.00	
Membership Income:	$ 200.00	
Interest Earned:	$ 111.48	
Total Aug Income:		$ 3,711.48
Total Expenses:	$ 3,818.76	
Excess/Deficiency:		$ -107.28
Account Balances		
Checking:		$31,303.10
Savings	$ 5683.56	
CD's		$22,127.00
Sep 31 Balance:	$59,113.66	

Enid Pearson

Yearbook Errata

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SAN JOSE WOMAN'S CLUB IS LOCATED AT 75 S. 11TH STREET; CALL 408/294-6919 FOR INFORMATION.

Portraits of the Past:

A Dessert Tea and Historical Fashion presentation by members of the San Jose Historical Museum on October 15, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. at the Garden House in Shoup Park.

Tickets for this annual fund raiser of the Federated Woman's Club are $20 and can be purchased by calling (650) 941-0214 or (408) 245-7186. Proceeds benefit the Education Center at the History House.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, October 12 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Kay Lamm, 327-2724

Wednesday, October 20 - Program Meeting at Noon
Teen Latin Dancers Giselle & Genya

Tuesday, October 19 - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Julia Powers at 321-5562

Tuesday, October 26 - Book Club at 7:30 pm
call Sharon Small, 326-7408

Tuesday, November 2 - History Committee at 7:30 pm
for info: Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260

Wednesday, November 3 - Board Meeting at 11 am

Tuesday, November 9 - Scholarship Committee
meets at the Drop-In Social

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
475 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Susan Kazul
359 Iris Way
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

November 1999 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

President's Message

At our Board meeting October 6th, we made a new and exciting policy decision. We voted to expand the mission of the Scholarship Committee to include philanthropy generally. Now that our Clubhouse renovations are nearly complete and we have sufficient funds in the Building Fund, it means that we can think about how to use our resources in ways that benefit the community. Some ideas have already surfaced. The General Federation of Womans' Clubs has a Libraries 2000 program which has committed $10 million nationwide to improve libraries. Everything our Club gives to Libraries would count toward that total. Another possible project would be the local Music in the Schools program. I'm sure many of you have more ideas. The Scholarship/Philanthropy Committee is meeting during the Social on November 9th to begin looking at criteria for Club giving. I hope that some of you will bring your ideas and energy to this effort.

Emily

....from the

Sunshine Lady

I have good news this month: There are no new reports of our members being ill. Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MEMBER WHO NEEDS A CARD OR A CALL, PLEASE CALL ME AT 650/321-1739.

Trudy Lung

Wednesday, November 17

Important Women of Early Palo Alto

TALK WITH SLIDES BY GAIL WOOLLEY

11:45 Member and guest sign-in
12:00 President's Welcome
12:20 Program
1:00 Dessert and Conversation

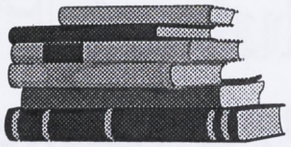
Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

HOSTED BY CHRISTINA LUIS

Look Inside!

Book Club, History Corner, Board Notes and more!

Book Group



Tuesday, November 16, The Book Club will meet at 8:00 after the Investment Club; call Sharon Small, 326-7408

Winners of the Nobel Prize for Literature

Pearl Buck is perhaps the best known, at least in this country, of the authors in our fall series of the five women novelists who won the Nobel Prize for Literature. She was a prolific author, with more than 100 works to her credit, but the best known is probably the one we are reading, *The Good Earth*, which won the Pulitzer Prize, about a Chinese peasant who marries an industrious former slave woman, whose wisdom and hard work can't change everything. "It seemed as though once the gods turn against a man they will not consider him again. The rains, which should have come in early summer, withheld themselves, and day after day the skies shone with fresh and careless brilliance."

Buck, the child of Presbyterian missionaries, lived in China until she came to the United States to attend college. She said she thought in Chinese. Buck is often described as a humanitarian for work with a foundation she created to assist Asian-American children and their mothers abroad, and for many projects to improve multiculturalism in this country.

Please note that in November we are meeting a week earlier than usual to avoid conflict with Thanksgiving doings.

REMINDER: Send Newsletter information to *adehlinger@ yahoo.com* by the 25th of the month, if possible. Thanks!

History Committee

Tuesday, December 7 - Committee on Club History meets at 7:30 pm. Call Jeanne McDonnell at 321-5260.

The History Committee is now transcribing Club minutes of the 1920s and '30s, after having delivered transcriptions of earlier club activities to US Santa Cruz and other archives. We are also organizing Club records by decades for better retrieval and placing them in archival boxes to preserve them.

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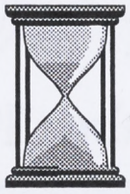

History Corner

The First 26 Years

Dr. Carol Champion, Director of Special Collections at the University of California Library at Santa Cruz, was pleased to receive the first 26 years of the Club's minutes and summaries. She noted that a researcher had recently called wanting to find out if early women's groups in the state had supported any environmental issues. Checking out Club's minutes, we find not only support but, locally, Club members were leading the way.

The club initiated planting trees in the town (1894-98, 1903-04 1912 1914) and supported many environmental issues: saving California's big trees (1900 1913-14, 1920), setting aside Big Basin as a forest reservation (1910-11), promoting a law to protect the meadow lark (1901), voicing concern about damage to Niagara Falls by a power company (1906), supporting a forestry bill (1910), Sempervirens (1913), the John Muir Trail and Save our Trees on Tahoe (1914).

The variety of interest and involvement in local, state, national and international events included starting the first playground in Palo Alto, taking issue with the County for its failure to properly feed prisoners (1911), supporting the investigation of the biting of women physicians in the State hospitals (1906) and supporting giving teachers pensions (1910). There was interest in an international Peace resolution (1911) and, in World War I, concerns turned to Women in War Work, ways of helping and several talks on the experiences of men in the war.

Between 1894 and 1910 the most common talks were on social issues. Miss Holbrook spoke on "Hull House" (1895), Prof. Mary Roberts Smith spoke on the "New York State Reformatory," Rev. Milney spoke on "Orphan Homes of California", Professor Marks talked about "Vocational Training for Women," Mr. Rubinow spoke on "A Plan for Health Insurance for Wage Earners," and Dr. Terry spoke on the "United States Public Health Service."

Home and family was the next most popular subject. Mrs. Ida Harper spoke on "Household Cooperation," Dr. Southard spoke on "Children's Eyes, "Professor Griggs spoke on the "Influence of Teacher and Parent on Moral Education," and Dr. Mara Pratt spoke on "Heredity and Prenatal Influence."

Travel was the third most common topic--often based on the speakers' own experiences. Travels included India, Norway, Russia, England, Pompeii, Egypt, China, Samoa, Japan and Alaska. Dr. Jordan, Stanford president,
spoke on Rome and Mrs. DeForest spoke on Constantinople.

As women voted in California (Oct. 10, 1911) and then nationally (Aug.26, 1920) many of the lectures focused on political and legal issues. Mrs. Campbell spoke at a Club meeting in 1895 about Susan B. Anthony, "who is here attending the Woman's Conference in San Francisco." Arts and crafts and book reviews were also popular topics in the monthly meetings.

Joan Holland

Scholarship Committee

Tuesday, November 9 (at the drop-in social) - call Ellen Smith, 326-0753

Scholarship Committee—and Beyond!

It appears that the Club may be in a position to make a fairly substantial gift to the charity or charities of our choice this year, thanks to continuing income from rental of the Clubhouse and the completion of major renovations. Thus we have the exciting and challenging opportunity to expand our giving, both in dollars, and, if we wish, in the kind and number of donations we make.

Last year we chose to focus on school-age girls and to make a donation toward an educational experience (ultimately, Hidden Villa's summer camp). We can continue in that vein or consider other community-oriented causes, from libraries to street trees to the homeless.

You are invited to join our next meeting during the Tuesday Social Hour on November 9 at the Clubhouse at 5 p.m. Please come with ideas! Among the items to be discussed is setting a separate meeting day and time for the committee. If you cannot attend but have suggestions—for worthy causes or a time when you would be able to participate—please call me.

Yearbook Errata Revisited

Since last month's errata, a few new wrinkles have appeared. Please make all the changes in your yearbook and don't forget to add in new members. Reprints of last month's errata are available at the Clubhouse.

ARBUCKLE, Dorothy	948-8026
GOULD, Margaret	150/475-1774
KLEINBERG, Judith	(h) 325-8222
WHEATON, Veva	(o)961-5520

Profile in Courage

AT THE AGE OF 52, AND SHORTLY BEFORE HER TRIAL IN JUNE OF 1873, SUSAN B. ANTHONY DELIVERED A SPEECH TO DEFEND WOMEN'S RIGHT TO VOTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION. SHE HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN ARRESTED FOR VOTING IN THE 1872 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, AN EVENT WHICH ATTRACTED NATIONAL ATTENTION. IN DEFENDING HER ACTION, ANTHONY WIELDED THE PHRASE: "IT WAS WE, THE PEOPLE; NOT WE, THE WHITE MALE CITIZENS; NOR YET WE, THE MALE CITIZENS; BUT WE, THE WHOLE PEOPLE...WHO FORMED THE UNION..."

Board Notes

from the **Board Meeting held October 6, 1999**

New Dishwasher: Emily Renzel reported that the purchase of a new dishwasher was in progress.

Floors: The floors will be resurfaced on 2/22/2000 and 2/29/2000. Part of this is necessitated by rental damage. Consequently, the renter who damaged the floors will be paying $500 of the cost.

Furniture: The board is still looking. It was recommended that if we sent a formal letter to Flegel's and Restora-tion Hardware stating who we, The Woman's Club were, we might receive a price break. This is the next step.

Windowseat Cushions: They will be a taupe color. Lawsen's Brothers submitted the lowest bid

Bride's Room and Receiving Room: The plans are drawn up for redoing the Receiving Room and Brides' Room. Lydia stressed the need to fix the threshold and Emily replied that it had already been discussed with the carpenter and will be included in the work for the Bride's Room.

The Budget: Enid brought up the fact that, because of the Women's Club 501 (3c) status, that is, our status as a charitable organization, there may be a problem on our tax return if there is not a reasonable outflow of monies related to charitable giving. Ella reinforced this view mentioning that charitable giving was part of the historic purpose of The Woman's Club.

FEDERATION NEWS

Libraries 2000

The General Federation of Womans' Clubs has pledged $10 million nationwide to improve our public libraries. The California Federation, of which we are a member, has pledged $1.3 million. So far $300,000 have been raised. Each Club tracks and reports its donations to count toward the commitment. Donations which count are book donations to all public schools K-12, books donated to all public libraries for children 5-18, monetary donations to public schools or libraries, and donations of computer equipment and software. The Federation has bookplates available with book donations. One of the Palo Alto Club's first projects was the establishment of a lending library for the town. This project would certainly carry on that good work.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

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For info: Julia Powers at 321-5562

Tuesday, November 16 - Book Club at 8:00 pm
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Wednesday, November 17 - Program Meeting at Noon
IMPORTANT WOMEN OF EARLY PALO ALTO
Gail Woolley

Wednesday, December 1 - Board Meeting at 11 am

Tuesday, December 7- History Committee at 7:30 pm
for info: Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260

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Palo Alto, CA 94303

Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

December 1999 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

President's Message

Over 40 members attended our November meeting and heard Gail Woolley's interesting talk and slide show "Important Women of Palo Alto". It really puts our own civic work in perspective to hear about the serious contributions of women before us. Our thanks to Gail and Margaret Feuer who wrote the book upon which the talk was based.

We are fortunate that the Palo Alto High School Madrigal Singers will perform for us at our December 15th meeting. Because of class schedules they will sing for us from about 12:10 to 12:30 and lunch will follow. These talented young people will certainly brighten our holidays.

Just before our November luncheon meeting, our hot water heater kicked the bucket, but I'm happy to report that a new heater is in place. We should be good for at least another six years for hot water. (Some of us manage to get in hot water without a heater, but the Woman's Club doesn't...).

Read about openings in the Investment Club on page 2.

Happy Holidays!, Emily

Bring a Gift

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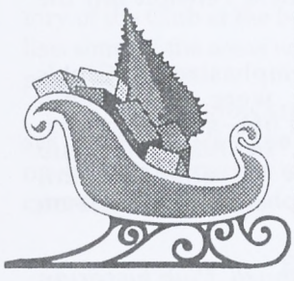
Again this year, to brighten the holidays of others, we will have a basket to receive checks and/or grocery gift certificates to give to the Mid-peninsula Support Network for Battered Women.



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To participate in our own fun gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift under $5.00.

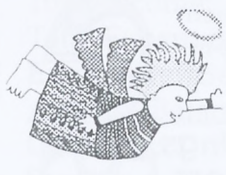
Wednesday, December 15

The Madrigals

from Palo Alto High School, conducted by Kathy Fujikawa

11:45 Member and guest sign-in
12:00 President's Welcome
12:10 The Madrigals
12:30 Lunch and festivities

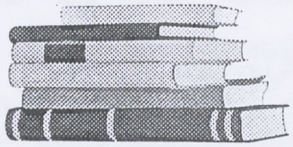
Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person
HOSTED BY JOAN HOLLAND



Look Inside!

Book Club, History Corner, Scholarhip Committee and more!

Book Group



Tuesday, December 14, The Book Club will meet at 7:30 after the Drop In Social; call Sharon Small, 326-7408

We will discuss *The House Gun* by Nadine Gordimer, the South African novelist and short story writer who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1991.

In this book, published in 1994, Gordimer writes about professional parents whose son has committed a murder, picking up a gun almost thoughtlessly that he and his housemates had bought for their mutual protection and left laying on a table in the living room. A psychiatrist testifying on his behalf at the trial says, "In a society where violence is prevalent, the moral taboos against violence are devalued."

Gordimer adds another dimension to the story by having it take place while the government is holding hearings on whether to make the death penalty a part of the law of the land as they write a new constitution for the nation.

The novel is especially interesting as a depiction of South African race relations after aparteid, a condition that Gordimer courageously fought against in her writing for thirty years.

WE ARE MEETING EARLY THIS MONTH TO AVOID CONFLICTS WITH HOLIDAY DOINGS. *New members welcome.*

Jeanne McDonnell

REMINDER: Send Newsletter information to *adehlinger@ yahoo.com* by the 25th of the month, if possible. Thanks! Have a wonderful holiday!

Arline

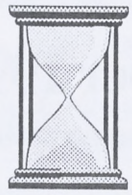
History Committee

Tuesday, December 7 - Committee on Club History meets at 7:30 pm. Call Jeanne McDonnell at 321-5260.

Investment Club

Tuesday, December 7, The Investment Club is meeting early this month(6:30 pm with dinner)

$$$$$$$There may be openings in December for new members. Call Julia Powers at 321-5562.



History Corner

The Early Years (continued)

It's odd that history got the reputation of being a boring subject because we all know we can't wake up each morning and reinvent ourselves, and so it seems sensible to know about how we got to where we are.

Recent newspaper articles call to mind issues that our Woman's Club took a stand on and in many cases helped improve both in town and as part of the powerful state and national federation that once wielded considerable political clout.

Providing a good education for children includes problems of funding and of attracting teachers, both of which are in our news regularly. In the years before 1920 that the history committee has been studying, the Club paid for and furnished a girls' restroom at the high school, rented, furnished, and staffed a gymnasium for students, started and kept running what they called Home and School meetings, and supported a request by teachers for a pay increase, among many school-related actions.

There was an article in the newspaper in November about a male nurse who had been accused of raping a woman patient in a psychiatric hospital. Twice the minutes of the early years mention the Club's petition to the state legislature to appoint women physicians to state hospitals. They do not give reasons in the minutes, but certainly they were motivated by concern for the safety of women patients.

We often read today about groups that urge us to inquire about the working conditions of people overseas who make items we purchase, conditions that women contributed mightily to eliminating here. In 1911, the Club supported an eight-hour labor bill for women, on several occasions urged the passage and implementation of child labor laws, and in1903 looked into local industrial conditions for women and children.

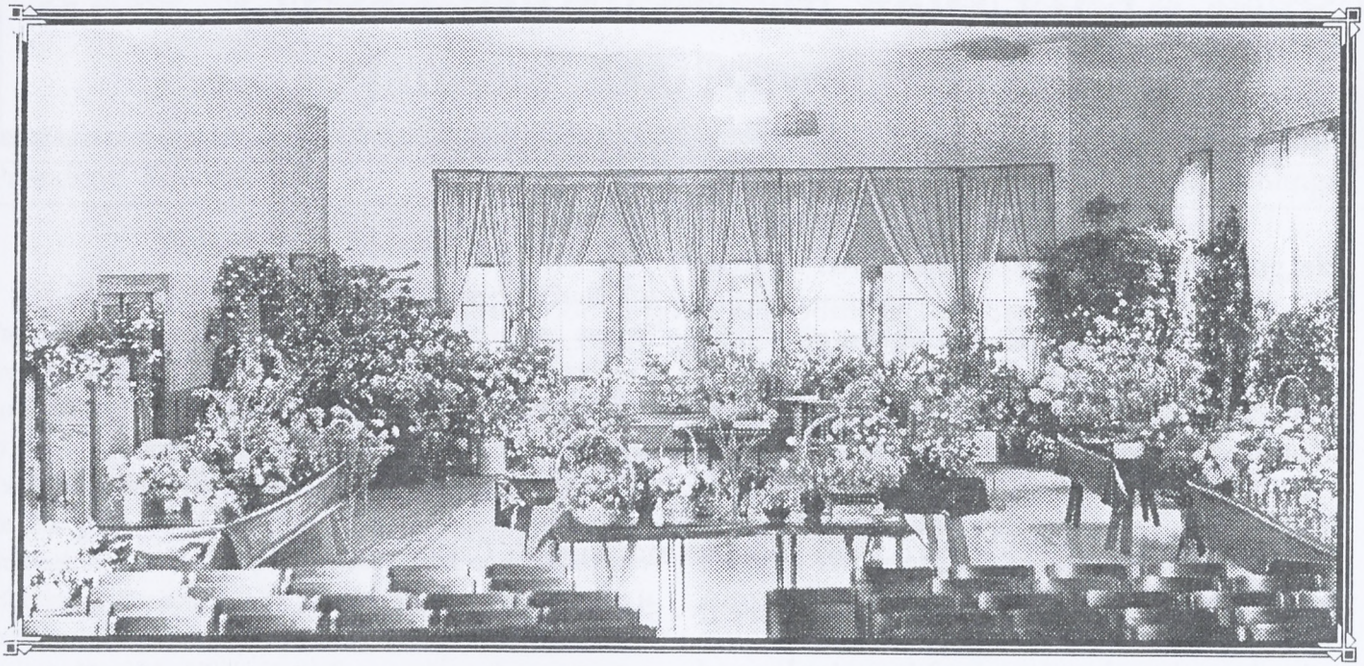
Another recent article claimed that improving social security for women will not pass this session of Congress, which recalls the Mothers Pension Bill the Club supported in 1913.

All this should not overemphasize the Club's political action, though. They were also deeply engaged in many other aspects of life--music, art, history, travel, literature, gardens. In 1928, the Club voted to make its flower show an annual event, shown in the undated photograph (on page 3) from our archives.

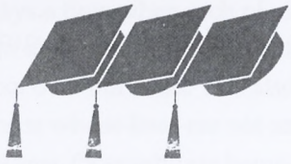
Jeanne McDonnell, Club historian

NOTE: The November History Corner article should have read that the Club "supported the *hiring* of women physicians in the State hospitals."

UNDATED PHOTO OF 1928 FLOWER SHOW SEE HISTORY COMMITTEE PAGE 2



Scholarship/ Philanthropy Committee



Thursday, December 16 - The Scholarship/ Philanthropy Committee will meet at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Our first order of business will be to establish criteria and principles by which we will donate funds (and maybe to figure out a simpler name for the committee!). Call Ellen Smith at 326-0753.

The Scholarship/Philanthropy Committee is working on criteria and principles we will use in deciding where to donate Club funds. There is a consensus that the Club should give to organizations that work toward goals we support--rather than having the Club itself give scholarship money to individuals. We are interested in hearing from the membership on what kind (or kinds) of organizations we should consider. We will move from that to selecting specific organizations or programs to support. (The brief history of the Club at the beginning of the Member Handbook lists some of the areas where the Club has been active in the past.)

PLEASE INDICATE WHAT AREAS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE WOMAN'S CLUB SUPPORT. YOU CAN RANK THEM ALL OR SELECT THE TWO OR THREE YOU MOST FAVOR. SEND YOUR CHOICES BY MAIL (TEAR OFF THIS SECTION) OR E-MAIL TO:

ELLEN SMITH,
1469 DANA AVE.,
PALO ALTO, CA 94301
(ellen_f_smith@email.msn.com)

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- [ ] Other (please specify)_____

If there are specific organizations you would like to nominate for consideration, please list them here.

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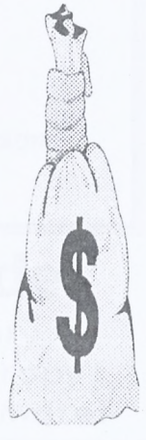
Treasurer's Report

as of October 31, 1999

Sep. 30th Balance:	$58,989.75
Rental Income:	$ 850.00
Membership Income:	$ 100.00
Interest Earned:	$ 159.25
Total Income:	$ 1,701.25
Total Expenses:	$ 2,332.26
Excess/Deficiency:	$ -631.01
Account Balances	
Checking:	$30,347.74
Savings	$ 5,863.99
CD's	$22,258.27
Oct. 31st Balance:	$58,470.00



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THE MADRIGALS
PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL CHORAL GROUP

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Wednesday, January 5- Board Meeting at 11 am

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
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Jeanne Farr McDonnell
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Palo Alto, CA 94306-1040

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

January 2000 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

President's Message

What a wonderful December luncheon we had! The Palo Alto Madrigals were outstanding, and we had over 50 women in attendance. Joan Holland and her crew provided an outstanding lunch and a good time was had by all. Thank you to all our members who were so generous in contributing to the Support Network for Battered Women. We collected $500 for this group which provides so much help to women and children. Woman's Clubs traditionally have emphasized contributing to the community, and I'm proud that our Club is making this significant gift.

The end of the year is always a time when each of us has an opportunity to be thankful for all of the goodness in our lives - family, good health, and a roof over our head. It is also a time for us to be thoughtful of those whose lives are not so blessed. In this coldest season of the year, those who are homeless or hungry especially need our help. There are many agencies from Ecumenical Hunger Program and Food Closet to Giving Tree and Urban Ministry which provide food and shelter. Please share a little of the goodness in your life with them.

Enjoy the Holidays and Happy New Millennium!

Emily

New Member Welcome

Kristine Fitzhugh, 1545 Escobita Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306, (tel.: 326-6253). Kristine is currently working as a music teacher in Palo Alto. She is membership chair for the Association for Senior Day Health, and has served as co-president for two years. Kristine enjoys reading, sk ing and music.

NEW MEMBERS CONTINUED

Lucile Spurlock, 856 Creek Drive, Menlo Park, 94025, (tel.: 323-5358). Lucile has served as the business manager for Peninsula Conservation Center. She is a past president of the League of Women Voters. Her interests include reading, grandchildren, and politics.

Frances Titterton, 1412 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, (tel.: 327-2235). Fran is a communications consultant and technologist. She has volunteered for her church and at schools. She is a member of IEEE and ACM, and enjoys hiking, design, ecology and education.

Wednesday, January 19

Opportunity Knocks

OICW: Opportunities Industrialization Center West by Amanda Byrd

and

Election of Nomination Committee

11:45 Member and guest sign-in
12:00 President's Welcome and business meeting
12:20 Program
12:30 Lunch and festivities

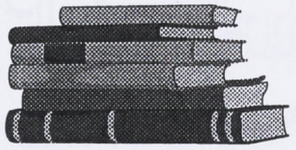
Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

HOSTED BY JANA STEVENS

Look Inside!

Book Club, History Corner, Philanthropy Committee and more!

Book Group



Tuesday, January 25, The Book Club will meet at 7:30

In January, we will discuss the last in our series of novels by the five women novelists who won the Nobel Prize for Literature. Toni Morrison was awarded that prestigious honor in 1993. We are reading *Paradise*, her seventh and most recent novel, published in 1998, 28 years after her first.

A reference work about American women writers says she is "critically acclaimed for her deft use of language and her lyrical writing," and I, who am in the midst of reading Paradise, think that is a very astute comment about her literary achievement, but equally impressive is her depiction of black culture and history.

The reference also suggests that the last two decades of the twentieth century could be called the "age of African-American women writers." It may be too early to know how true that is, but Toni Morrison can reasonably be called the best of a very accomplished group.

New members welcome anytime. Call Sharon Small, 326 7408.

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Book Group's Spring 2000 List, Starting in February

Here is the list of books for spring, and the dates we'll meet to discuss them. We thought that the beginning of the next thousand years is an ideal time to read books by American women that in some way defined major issues of their times, or contributed notably to illuminating or shaping them.

Harriet Beecher Stowe, Uncle Tom's Cabin, 2/22
Helen Hunt Jackson, Ramona, 3/28
Margaret Mead, Coming of Age in Samoa, 4/25
Rachel Carson, Silent Spring, 5/23
Betty Friedan, The Feminine Mystique, 6/27

Jeanne McDonnell

History Committee

Tuesday, January 12 - Committee on Club History meets at 7:30 pm. Call Jeanne McDonnell at 321-5260.

History Corner

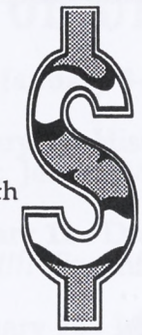
In the 1930's, the Woman's Club minutes reflect, in a subtle way, the financial crisis of the Great Depression. The Recording Secretary described both Board and general meeting discussions in which money matters played a major role. She frequently noted that "resignations were accepted with regret."

In 1934, some members altered their status to "absentee," the implication being that they could not pay their dues. The Board grappled with what to do about members who were "in arrears" as well as how to recruit new members. One meeting was taken up addressing what to do about women who regularly attended Woman's Club events as guests of friends who were members; one suggestion was to charge them admission, but the motion was not carried. After considerable discussion the Board amended the constitution such that the initiation fee was $1.00, with annual dues of $4.00. Dissenting voices feared that the reduction would not allow the Club to meet its financial obligations. They finally decided to waive the initiation fee altogether, for one year only. While her comments do not go into depth, it is clear that some of the debates must have become quite heated. Recording Secretary, Mrs. Weber, wrote, in 1935, "It was brought out strongly at this point that it was the aim and ambition of the Woman's Club to foster harmony at all times and that we were no more anxious to obtain new members than we were to retain our old ones."

Throughout the 1930's, the "ladies of the club" involved themselves in civic and community affairs. Along with purely social or entertainment activites such as the annual Big Game luncheon, musical performances, bridge and tea, they supported an expansion of the County Jail, veterans, education in the local schools, tree planting, and a home for "unfortunate women addicted to narcotics." It was interesting to note that Mrs. Malcolm gave a series of lectures on the evils of "snow" cocaine and its spread in the high schools. The Woman's Club weathered the storm of the 1930's and continued to be a center for women committed to taking active roles in the life of their town and state.

Peggy McKee

The Investment Club Has Openings!



Tuesday, January 18, The Investment Club meets every 3d Tuesday (6:30 pm with dinner).

Women's Club Club stocks include:

Hewlett Packard: 16 shares, bought at $75, now at $103.25

Lowes: 20 shares, bought at $58, now at $54.69

Lucent Technologies: 25 shares, bought at $61.29, now at $80.19

Sun Microsystems: 14 shares, bought at $94.61, now at $146.44 an

Safeway: 20 shares just purchased at $29.75

To join, call Julia Powers: 321-5260

Philanthropy Committee

Thursday, January 20 - The Philanthropy Committee will meet at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Call Ellen Smith at 326-0753.

The Philanthropy Committee met on December 16. Our first order of business was to adopt the name Philanthropy Committee as more appropriate than "Scholarship"—see principles 1 and 2 below. We agreed on the following "principles"—defining what the committee will do and how it will work:

1. We will make donations to organizations directly.
2. Donations will be to organizations, not to individuals.
3. We will consider only organizations suggested by Club members.
4. We have a focus on women and children, although we will not limit ourselves to organizations strictly serving them.
5. We will support organizations throughout our membership area, in order to be of service where there is serious need.
6. We will support organizations with a direct service or program.
7. The maximum grant we will make to any one organization will be 20 percent of the funds available.

In addition, we agreed that decisions on donations should be made by April of each year, with a recommendation to the Board of Directors for the May meeting—at which the Board would also determine or finalize the amount of money that is available for distribution. Checks could then be mailed in June.

Next we'll be looking at areas of service and specific organizations to support. We invite members to suggest both areas of interest and individual organizations. Please send your choices by mail (tear off section below) to **Ellen Smith, 1469 Dana Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301** or e-mail *ellen_f_smith@email.msn.com.*

PHILANTHROPY COMMITTEE CONTINUED

If there are specific organizations you would like to nominate for consideration, please list them here. PLEASE include a brochure, card or other information giving the full name, address, and phone number of the organization.

On a separate note, $500 (including $120 in grocery store scrip) was donated for the Battered Women's Support Network at the December lunch. Although these were individual contributions, not a Club donation, it still comes through the Club and can be considered part of our public service. We ask that members report any donations made through the Club to Ella Vandervoort (233-9638) so the Club can keep a record.

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....from the

Sunshine Lady

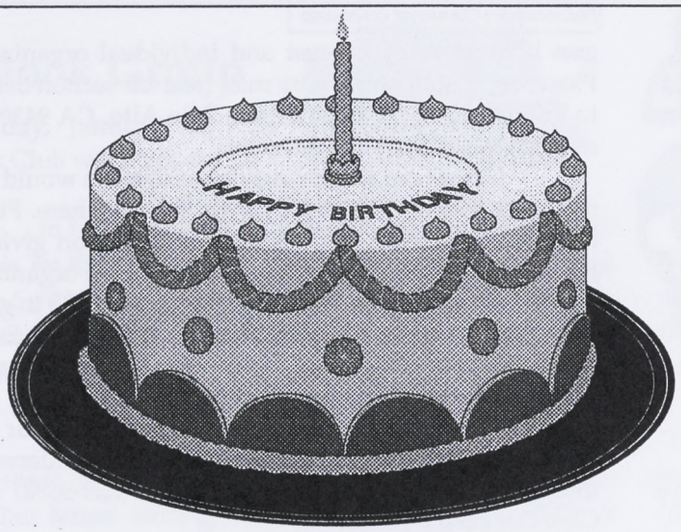
Members with new addresses:

Lois Houghton, c/o Palo Alto Commons, 4075 El Camino Real, Palo Alto, CA 94306; 650/493-8890

Margaret Gould, who is recovering from back surgery, is now at 32644 Lake Arrowhead Court, Fremont, CA 94555; 150/475-1774

IF YOU KNOW OF ANY MEMBER WHO NEEDS A CARD OR A CALL, PLEASE CALL ME AT 650/321-1739.

Trudy Lung



100 Years

California Federation Centennial Celebration

JANUARY 18, 2000

The California Federation of Women's Clubs is celebrating a century of service in Sacramento on January 16, 17, & 18. All members are invited to attend.

The schedule is as follows:

January 16, 2000
Morning Tour Governors Mansion ($3.00)
River Cruise ($28.00)
Crocker Art Museum ($3.00)

January 17, 2000
Shriners Hospital for Children
Railroad Museum ($5.00)
Discovery Museum Reception
Kick-off Dinner at Holiday Inn ($32.00)

January 18, 2000
7:45 a.m. Breakfast on the Delta King, Paddlewheel Saloon ($14.00)

10:00 a.m. "Women of the Century March" around the Capitol. Bring your signs, ban ners, and wear Vintage Costumes.

10:30 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
Invocation
Welcome by Jeri Boone, CFWC State President
Remarks of the Day by Governor Gray Davis
Acknowledgments by GWFC National President, Maxine Scarbro
Entertainment -Presentations

12 Noon Speakers Deborah Ortiz, Senator Jackie Speier, Senator Cathie Wright, Assemblywoman Carol Migdon, and others
2:00 p.m. Secretary of State Bill Jones

You can attend all or part of these festivities.

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO CFWC AND SEND TO VALERIE BARNES, 7366 IONE COURT, DUBLIN, CA 94568-1704. PHONE 925-828-0231.

Rooms are available on the Delta King - a beautifully restored riverboat located on the Sacramento River in historic Old Sacramento. Rates: $89 per room, single or double occupancy. An additional $15 per room for a riverside room. The phone is 1-800-825-5464.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 5- Board Meeting at 11 am

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for info: Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260

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Bring a friend!!! For info: Kay Lamm, 327-2724

Tuesday, January 18 - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
with dinner; For info: Julia Powers at 321-5562

Wednesday, January 19 - Program Meeting at Noon
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Thursday, January 20 - Scholarship Committee
meets at 5:00 pm; call Ellen Smith 436-0753

Tuesday, January 25 - Book Club at 7:30 pm;
call Sharon Small, 326-7408

Wednesday, February 2- Board Meeting at 11 am

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February 2000 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

President's Message

I'm looking forward to the Valentine's Day luncheon where we'll hear about love letters of famous people read by Al Jacobs. There's nothing like a little vicarious love to spice up our lives. I hope you will be there.

I just received a nice "Valentine" gift from Friends of the Library. It is a booklet published by the Palo Alto Historical Society and written by Tom Wyman. It is called *Palo Alto and Its Libraries - A Long-Time Love Affair*. It's a very interesting chronicle of Palo Alto's library system and we, the Palo Alto Woman's Club, are liberally mentioned throughout the book. Jeanne McDonnell and her committee have often mentioned our roll in the formation of the Palo Alto Libraries in her History Corner, but this book fleshes out in great detail the work of our members. I commend it to you. Happy Valentine's Day!

Emily

....from the

Sunshine Lady

I want to wish all of our members a Happy 2000...Ella and I visited Mr. & Mrs. Will Houghton at Palo Alto Commons; they are very happy with their new arrangment...Mary Frances Pollard died. Ella Vandervoort, Dorothy Arbuckle and I attended the Pollard Celebration on January 9th. Her ashes will be laid by her husband's in Baku Hawaii...

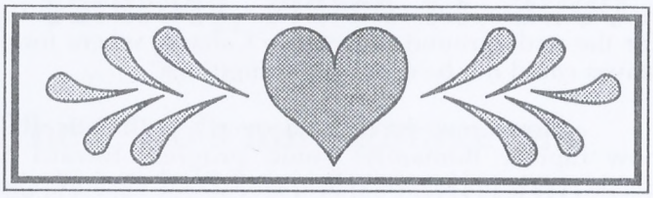
Trudy Lung

Wednesday, February 16

Love Letters Throughout the Ages

BY AL JACOBS

Al Jacobs, Professor Emeritus at Menlo College, will tell us how famous, infamous and anonymous people throughout the ages said 'I love you'. We will discover that, in things of love, people have not changed. The oldest sample of a love note found on a shard of pottery is from Egypt 3,500 years ago.



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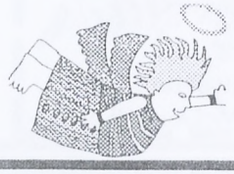

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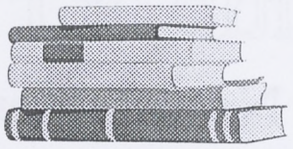
Book Group



Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Next meeting, February 22, at 7:30 p.m. Discussion topic: Harriet Beecher Stowe, *Uncle Tom's Cabin*

We chose our spring sequence of five books to segue into the new century with an appreciation of women who helped create the kind of country we live in. The books we will discuss from now until June have been powerful influences on their times and ours. We are reading them in chronological order, starting with Harriet Beecher Stowe's *Uncle Tom's Cabin*.

Though in our era of sensitivity to racial bias, there have been arguments that a white woman should not have spoken for blacks, nevertheless, this book contributed vastly to the concept and reality of freedom in this nation. Even today, a book that sold 3,000 copies the first day of publication and 300,000 copies the first year would be a national best seller, but in 1852 that was unprecedented. Practically everybody, including President Abraham Lincoln, read it and formed opinions about slavery from it. In the years between its publication and the Civil War, the book was the world's second most popular after the Bible.

Harriet Beecher Stowe came from a family that was famous in clerical and intellectual circles. She lived in Cincinnati, a community that was adjacent to a slave state but where some of its residents, at considerable risk to themselves and their families, served as conduits for the underground railroad to Canada, where former slaves could not be returned as fugitives.

Stowe may have been overly optimistic about how rapidly humanity would progress toward her ideals. Let's hope that if she could see us now, she'd think she did predict correctly when she wrote in the Preface to her book: "But, another day is dawning...The hand of benevolence is everywhere stretched out, searching into abuses, righting wrongs, alleviating distresses and bringing to the knowledge and sympathies of the world the lowly, the oppressed, and the forgotten."

New members welcome anytime to join the Book Group. Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101.

Jeanne McDonnell

History Committee

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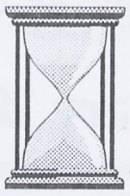

History Corner

The History Committee, with the consent of the Woman's Club Board, has begun the application process to place the Woman's Club building at 475 Homer Avenue on the National Register of Historic Places.

The National Register was established in 1966 by the National Historic Preservation Act and is administered by the National Park Service. The Register gives recognition to buildings that have kept their historic integrity, and whose historic value has been evaluated and established using specific criteria. It is "an official list of the nation's historic and cultural resources worthy of preservation". Being on the National Register establishes eligibility for benefits, under certain conditions, for preservation grants and tax benefits; it does not protect a property from demolition, but official recognition of a building's historic merit can encourage preservation. An owner's consent must be given before any property is actually placed on the National Register. When a California property is put on the National Register it is also automatically listed on the California Register of Historic Places.

Applying for the National Register is done by filling out a detailed application form which is sent to the State Office of Historic Preservation and the State Historical Resources Commission who evaluate the application. If the required criteria are met, the nomination is forwarded to the National Park Service with the recommendation that the property be placed on the National Register. A final evaluation is then done by the National Park Service.

The Woman's Club building, designed by Charles Hodges in 1916, is already listed on Palo Alto's Historic Inventory, which describes the structure as "a good example of the Woman's Clubhouses built all across the country at the time, visible results of the organized cultural and community activities which women sponsored in the later 19th century and increasingly in the 20th century." This Inventory information will be used as the basis for the National Register application. If successful, the Woman's Club will become the sixteenth National Register property listed in Palo Alto. The others are 706 Cowper; 900 University; 27 University (Hostess House); 140 University (Fraternal Hall); 860 University; 1336 Cowper; 1247 Cowper; 100 Waverley Oaks; Hamilton Avenue Post Office; 420 Maple; 2310 Yale; 95 University (train depot); 601 Melville, and the Professorville and Ramona Street Historic Districts.

Carol Murden

The Investment Club Has Openings!

Tuesday, February 15, The Investment Club meets every 3d Tuesday (6:30 pm with dinner).

Women's Club Club stocks include:

Hewlett Packard: 16 shares, bought at $75, now at $103.25
Lowes: 20 shares, bought at $58, now at $54.69
Lucent Technologies: 25 shares, bought at $61.29, now at $80.19
Sun Microsystems: 14 shares, bought at $94.61, now at $146.44 an
Safeway: 20 shares just purchased at $29.75

To join, call Sharon Small, 326-7408

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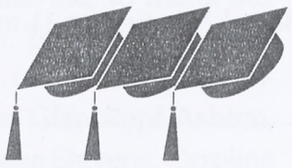
Philanthropy Committee



Thursday, February 17 - The Philanthropy Committee will meet at 5 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month. Call Ellen Smith at 326-0753.

The Board has approved $5,700 for this year's philanthropy fund. We are now considering our criteria for awarding money and looking at some specific organizations. Our emphasis is on programs in our area that serve women and children and that promote education.

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President's Message

Our membership has grown this year thanks to Membership Chair, Sharon Small, who has been so diligent. We now have over 130 members !

But it takes lots of people working behind the scenes to keep the Woman's Club vital. This month I would like to thank our Luncheon Committee Chairs. Ten brave women have volunteered to organize our monthly luncheons: Margaret Feuer, Annette Glanckopf-Ashton, Christina Luiz, Joan Holland, Jana Stevens, Caroline Willis, Zorina Wolf, Barbara Klein, Joan Brennan, and yours truly.

These women work very hard so that you can enjoy a spectacular lunch that is the best bargain in town. Please thank them personally when you get the chance. And thanks to every member who has helped in turn. Our lunches have become a regular EVENT !

I hope to see all of you at our St. Patrick's Day luncheon March 15, begorra !

Emily

Wednesday, March 15

Juana Briones

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Juana Briones, ranchera- 1802(or 03) to 1889.

An independent woman when these two words were rarely said in the same breath. And she did it with an iron-willed grace that brought her respect even then.

S.L. Wykes, San Jose Mercury News

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Don't forget to vote!

Anybody interested in editing the Newsletter next year? Call Arline at (650/856-7731) or Emily (650/321-4165)

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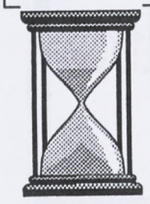

History Corner

Honoring Emily

The nineteen clubs in our district of the California Federation nominated a current or former member as their outstanding woman of a century of district history. Your history committee had many notable women to choose from, and it was with pleasure that we selected our current president from that embarrassment of riches.

We decided to choose someone who had contributed significantly both to the community and to the club. Although Kathleen Norris was possibly our most famous member as one of the best-selling novelists of the 1920s, she was not especially active in the club.

Our first President, Mary Campbell, fulfilled both criteria. She was a medical doctor when the profession was all but closed to women and she oversaw the formation of the Club's distinguished Village Improvement section. Julia Gilbert, Club president 1902-04, had been chair of the Club's library committee during its period of founding the public library, and she was the first woman to serve on the town's Library Commission. In her support, the Club indignantly opposed the City Council's proposal to restrict commission membership to men.

Emily Pardee Karns Dixon founded a woman suffrage club in 1911 to encourage local men to vote for the Amendment to the state constitution that made California women full and equal voters. She donated a large park and historic building to the town as well as a rental property to provide the funds to maintain both. She served twice as Club President (first as Mrs. Karns and later as Mrs. Dixon), and in 1916 she chaired the committee that oversaw construction of our clubhouse. She attended the inauguration of President Herbert Hoover, and wrote a letter home to the Club about it. *Emily Dixon's photograph was put in the newsletter for historical interest.*

Emily Pardee Karns Dixon

Several of our notable current members were potential nominees. Gail Woolley is a former mayor of our town. Enid Pearson was a City Council member for ten years. Her influence in getting the city to adopt a park dedication ordinance was in keeping with the park activism of our club in its early days.

The history committee thought about all those outstanding women, but concluded that none was more worthy that our own current president, Emily Renzel. Her careful, attentive, collaborative work has enlivened the program, gained members, and increased attendance. She contributed to improving the clubhouse, which has pleased members and increased rental revenue. Her efforts have in every way furthered what we like to think of as a renaissance of the Club at this time.

Emily Renzel

Emily's contributions to Palo Alto in official positions were as a member for six years of the town Planning Commission, where she helped preserve the town's natural bayland ecosystem and assisted in devising a Comprehensive Plan with a priority on balancing jobs and housing. As a City Councilwoman from 1979 to 1991, she influenced business and residential zoning and transportation and served on local and regional committees, notably for town Finance and for the San Francisco Estuary Project. Emily continues her environmental focus as board member of the Committee for Green Foothills and the Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge, and she volunteers with numerous environmental and historic preservation organizations. Our club and our community are better places because they have Emily.

Jean McDonnell

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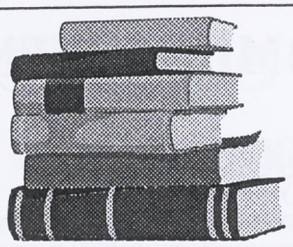

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Helen Hunt Jackson wrote *Ramona*, she said, to do for the Indian people what Harriet Beecher Stowe did for African-Americans with Uncle Tom's Cabin.

Jackson probably knew more about her subject than Stowe, having done extensive research for an earlier, influential, non-fiction book, *Century of Dishonor*. That book made her a recognized authority and led to her appointment by the government as an Indian agent in Southern California, which gave her the setting and the inspiration for her novel.

Ramona is a rare example of a book that remains readable in spite of its late-nineteenth-century romantic style that realists came to disdain. The events of the story are plausible to the extent that Jackson could be forgiven, and even admired, for having little good to say about her compatriots, who read about themselves that "Trust in an American was henceforth to him impossible...the law was on the side of the thieves."

This book, a best seller for fifty years that is still in print today, is the second in our spring series of books by women that have contributed significantly to defining and changing United States culture.

Each meeting, one person who has previously volunteered opens the discussion by sharing biographical information about the author.

New members welcome anytime to join the Book Group. Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101.

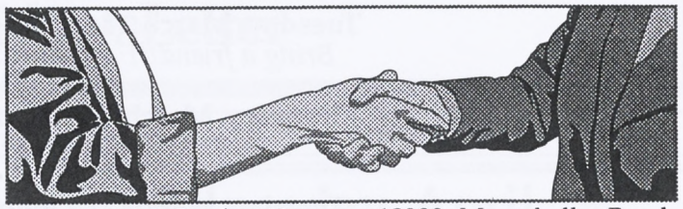
Jeanne McDonnell

For lack of response,

Spring Cleaning Time on March 11

is CANCELLED.

New Member Welcome



Maureen McCarthy Draper, 18800 Montebello Road, Cupertino, CA 95014 (tel: 408/867-7646). Maureen is a pianist, teacher, and author of *The Nature of Music: Beauty, Sound & Healing*, to be published October, 2000 by Riverhead/Penguin Putnam. Her hobbies include hiking and biking.

Ellie Heister, 107 Emerson, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 328-9602). Ellie has worked as an elementary school teacher and a tutor of children with learning disabilities. She as been a member of American Women's Clubs in Canada, Tokyo, and Switzerland during the 15 years she lived outside the U.S.

Karen Recht, 252 Washington Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 328-0222). Karen has worked as volunteer coordinator of children's programs at the University Club. She is a volunteer in the Palo Alto school system, is learning golf and enjoys reading.

Autumn Stanley, 241 Bonita, Los Trancos Woods, Portola Valley, CA 94028 (tel: 851-1847) Autumn works as a writer and researcher. She is part of a textbook evaluation group for removing sexism and a member of the Institute for Historical Study. She enjoys photography, archaeology, and travel.

....from the

Sunshine Lady

We are happy to see Margaret Gould 's smiling face again, after a long, painful back surgery...This month, I made a visit to Phoebe Seagrave, and called Betty Bonn, Grace Bodley, Violet Henley, and Frances Payne; they are all doing well...Sorry to hear the sad news that Dorothy Arbuckle's sister died; a memorial was held at Club House on February 16...Also, Georgia Spear's husband left us after a long illness...

Trudy Lung

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President's Message

SPRING IS SPRUNG
THE GRASS IS RIS'
I WONDER WHERE THE BIRDIES IS.

Yes, it's that time of year and Don Ellis, the Master gardener from the Gamble Garden Center, will be joining us at our luncheon meeting to give us some gardening tips. Now, I know for a fact that, of the last 40 or so members who joined, at least 35 of you said your hobby was gardening. I expect to see each and every one of you on April 19 enthusiastically welcoming Don and challenging him with your vexing garden problems. This is your BIG chance, all you Green Thumbs.

As I mentioned in the March Newsletter, there are many members working behind the scenes in the Club whom I would like to thank. Our wonderful volunteers who telephone you each month to remind you about our luncheon meetings are Dorothy Arbuckle, Mildred Chackerian, Carolyn Emmerson, Boots Gould, Susan Kazul, Irene Lawrence, Elizabeth Lucco, Jeanne McDonnell, Elinor Ovenshine, Gloria Presley, Shulamith Rubinfien, Ellen Smith, and Ella Vandervoort.

Thank you for your extra efforts on behalf of the Club.

See you on the 19th.

Emily

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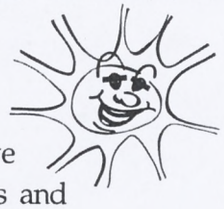


Ella Vandervoot drove Dorothy Arbuckle, Joyce Voorhies and me to visit Grace Badley, who was delighted to see us...If anyone would like to come with me to visit members who can no longer come to the meetings, please call me at 321-1739. These members are always so happy to have visitors.

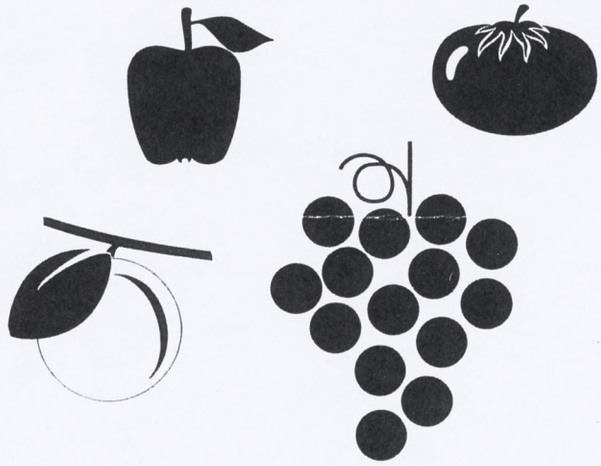
Trudy Lung

Wednesday, April 19

How Does Your Garden Grow?

BY DON ELLIS

THE MASTER GAMBLE GARDENER



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History Corner

Our Club House

One of the history committee's happy discoveries in the course of research about our clubhouse for our application to place it on the National Register of Historic Places is the stature of the architect, Charles E. Hodges.

He was born in England and we do not know what brought him to California, but we do know that in 1888 the university's architectural firm employed him. When the firm resigned from the project three years later, he took over as resident architect and continued in that position for fifteen years. On campus, he oversaw construction of the Quadrangle, Memorial Church, the Museum, and other major buildings, in addition to twelve homes and three sororities and fraternities.

In the University archives, we read letters he wrote to Jane Stanford when she was traveling for several months to keep her informed about minute details of the progress of construction of the church, the arch, and the chemistry building. He always added news of his wife and young child in a friendly way that seemed to indicate that Mrs. Stanford knew them. After the 1906 earthquake, he was in charge of reconstruction.

From the archives of the Palo Alto Historical Association, we found the addresses in Palo Alto of nine houses he designed, a distinguished set of buildings. It was very pleasant to photograph them because so many turned out to be houses I had remembered as rather special in a quiet, tasteful way. One you can see easily for yourself is on the corner diagonally across from the club house on Homer Avenue . He lived in two houses of his own design, both with a front and a side porch. One is now a two family home at 451 Channing, at the corner of Kipling, and the other is a fine house that was restored in recent years at the corner of Lincoln and Cowper.

Architect Caroline Willis, who is a member, has generously agreed to write an architecturally accurate description of the clubhouse for our application.

Also important for our suitability for the National Register is the club's significant contribution as activists in community building, both before and after they had the courage to purchase the land and pay to have the clubhouse constructed in 1916. Once the building was in use, it became an important cultural resource for school and town, for music, theatre, school programs, holiday celebrations, meetings, lectures, flower shows, exhibits, and parties.

The club house has also been important in preserving club history because our foremothers saved records with respect and care. The history committee is making a comprehensive inventory and safeguarding our valuable records by putting them in archival boxes. We would be grateful if anyone who has pictures, newsletters, minutes, articles, scrapbooks, or other memorabilia would contact me or other members of the history committee to donate them to the club.

Jeanne McDonnell (PHOTOS ON RIGHT BY JEANNE MCDONNELL)

Palo Alto Houses by Charles E. Hodges

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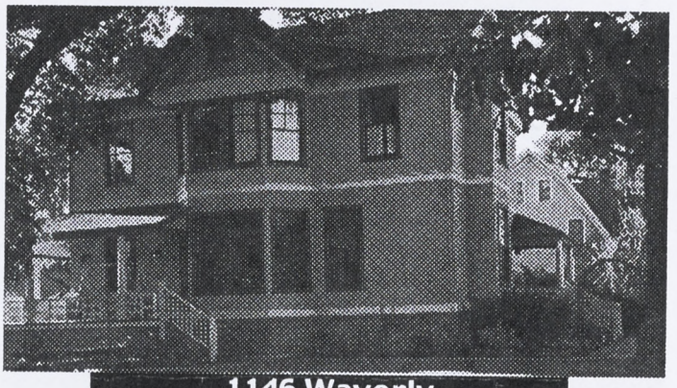

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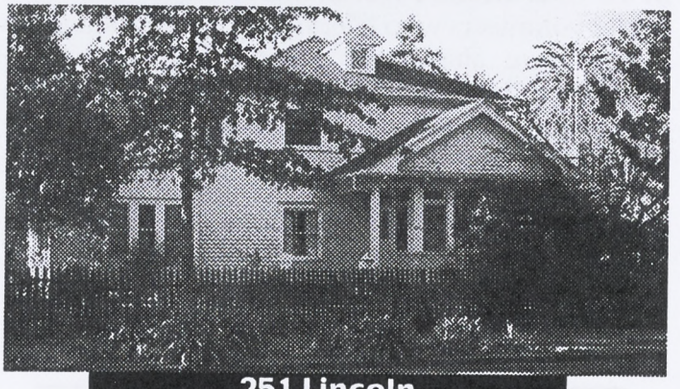

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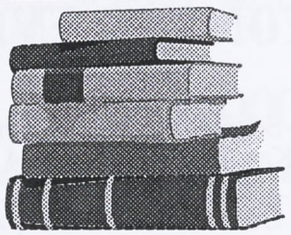

Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Next meeting, April 25, at 7:30 p.m. Discussion topic: Margaret Mead, *Coming of Age in Samoa,* the third in our series of books by women that have had a defining influence on American culture.

. *Coming of Age in Samoa* is a stunning book even now, more than seventy years after Margaret Mead put the science of anthropology on the map with it. Her taking adolescent girls seriously is important in itself, but more than that, she explains without jargon how Samoan society made them as they were, and draws conclusions about us by contrast.

One clue to the book's influence is that it continues to stir people up. Some anthropologists are suggesting that she misunderstood what she studied, but they perhaps underestimate the perspective her own youth at the time gave her. The book's authenticity derives partly from her honesty about her limitations in explaining the culture based on six months there.

One very compelling point she made was that, in the three small villages she studied, children lived in extended families with little privacy, which meant that their presence was calmly and dignifiedlyaccepted when birth and death occurred, and even sex could hardly be a mystery to them. In this circumstance, she wrote, one impression corrects another and binds them closer to the common emotion. She contrasted that with our custom of shielding children from natural events while spending a lot of time on matters like parsing an English sentence or measuring a room for wallpaper.

She concludes with observations that sound more like contemporary thought than the 1920s when she wrote the book, such as that "...this child of the future...must be taught how to think, not what to think...And they must be taught tolerance...."

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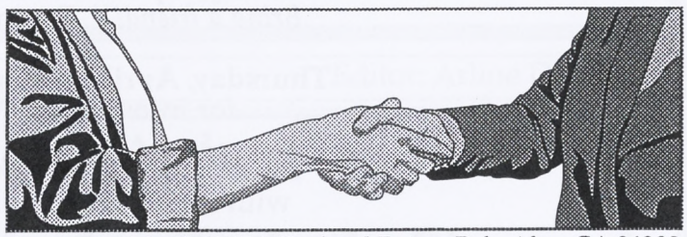

Stacey Archbell, 1085A Tanland Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel: 493-1960). Stacey writes that she is presently at home with her 2 yr. old. She has spent l4 years running her own computer business in the UK, and is an ex-IBM systems engineer. When she has the time she enjoys music, computing and investments.

Nanci Kauffman, 260 Churchill Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 9430l (tel: 321-2250). Nanci is a history teacher at Castilleja School. She has volunteered with Theatreworks, Goodwill Rehab Center, and Scouts. She is captain of the USTA University Club 4.0 tennis team, and her interests include fitness and tennis.

Jennifer Kleckner, 1855 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 321-1315). Jennifer is at home with her three children. She was PTA VP fundraising, and president of parent board of Downtown Children's Center. She is active in the Beta Breakers Investment Club, and the University Club. She enjoys tennis, skiing and reading.

Nominating Committee Report

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THE BOARD ELECTION IS AT THE APRIL MEETING. NOMINATIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FLOOR.

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for info: Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260

Tuesday, April 18 - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
with dinner; For info: Sharon Small, 326-7408

Wednesday, April 19 - PROGRAM MEETING AT NOON
HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW? BY DON ELLIS
BOARD ELECTIONS

Thursday, April 20 - Philanthropy Committee
meets at 5:00 pm; call Ellen Smith 436-0753

Tuesday, April 25 - Book Club at 7:30 pm;
Coming of Age in Samoa by Margaret Mead; call Susan Kazul 565-9101

Wednesday, May 3- Board Meeting at 11 am

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
475 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

May 2000 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

President's Message

Our May luncheon is a double-header. We had a successful election last month and the new Board (see inside for the new Board members) will be installed. Bonda Lewis will present her one-"man" show - Amelia Jenks Bloomer. Bonda previously gave a wonderful performance for us of Sarah Bard Fields' trip to Washington for Women's Suffrage.

Amelia Jenks Bloomer (1818-1894) was known as the first woman to wear trousers in public. She introduced her close friends, Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton to each other, thereby setting up a partnership that changed history. She published the world's first women's issues journal, *The Lily*, in which she and others advocated education, good health, dress reform, and voting rights for women. She paved the way for women to wear trousers and to speak their truths in public. You will be proud to know her.

We will miss both Arline Dehlinger and Barbara Carlitz, who will be leaving the Board. Arline has worked hard producing our wonderful Newsletter and Barbara organized the fun and highly successful Festa Italiana fundraiser. Barbara has also generously shared her design skills, creating great plans for the Bride's Room and our Office. Thank you, Arline and Barbara, for all your efforts on behalf of the Club. We hope that you will continue to share your skills with the Club without the pressure of being on the Board.

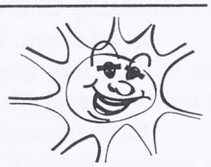
Despite the overwhelmingly large void of Arline and Barbara leaving the Board, the Nominating Committee did a superb job and we welcome Wanda Cavanaugh and Ninna Traugott who will be joining the Board.

See you at the May meeting.

Emily

....from the

Sunshine Lady



Two long-time members, Grace Bodley and Pechnik passed away. Grace was a Life and Honorary member and Jean was a Life Member. Earlier this year Mary Fran Pollard died.

Trudy Lung

Wednesday, May 17

*Amelia Jenks Bloomer**

PERFORMED BY BONDA LEWIS

***Bloomer, Amelia Jenks (1818-94), American reformer, born in Homer, New York. Virtually self-educated, Bloomer founded (1849) *The Lily*, a semimonthly periodical "devoted to the interests of women," published in Seneca Falls, New York. For six years she remained its editor and publisher, campaigning against sexual discrimination and advocating temperance and women's suffrage. Famous for her stand in favor of dress reform, she appeared at her lectures during the early 1850s wearing full trousers, gathered at the ankle, under a short skirt. These garments, although first worn by Elizabeth Smith Miller, were later called bloomers.**

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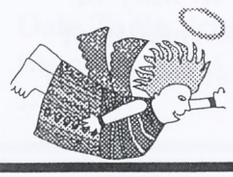
11:45 Member and guest sign-in
12:00 President's Welcome/Lunch
12:30 Program and Installation of the Board
1:00 Dessert and conversation

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

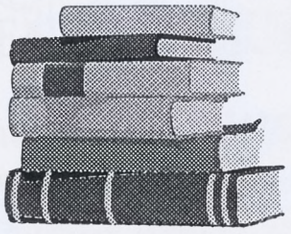
HOSTED BY BARBARA KLEIN

Look Inside!



Book Club, History Corner, Mother's Day Poem and more

Book Group



Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. Next meeting will be May 23d, at 7:30 p.m. Discussion topic: Rachel Carson's, *Silent Spring*, the fourth in our series of books by women that have had a defining influence on American culture.

Silent Spring, first published in 1962, is still recognized as a major factor in changing the national outlook on pollution and environmental degradation. When Sue Beaver, Sharon Small, and I thought of the topic for this session's books, we didn't remember that we would be reading Silent Spring at the time of the 30th anniversary of Earth Day, but that makes it a wonderful experience.

Carson wrote a scientific book in understandable language. For example, "One of the most sinister features of DDT and related chemicals is the way they are passed on from one organism to another through all the links of the food chain." She explains that the DDT used to dust an alfalfa field finds its way into eggs, milk, and butter, and no one at the time was trying to stop its use, and in fact, that manufacturers were given to increasing the potency.

A recent article in the San Jose Mercury News claims that the Bay Area is "dramatically cleaner" since 1970 as a result of the environmental movement. For example, "South Bay waters were a vast 'dead zone' choked by sewage." And, "A new car in 1970 spewed 20 times more pollution than year 2000 models." Rachel Carson is a national treasure, and it is a privilege to read her book for its own sake and as a reminder of what can be accomplished by dedicated people.

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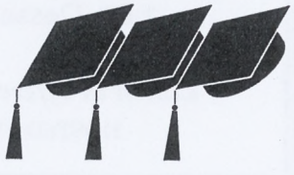
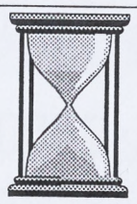
Philanthropy Committee



Since we have finished our work for this year, the committee will NOT meet in May or June. See the June issue for the results of our meetings. Call Ellen Smith at 326-0753 if you have questions.



History Corner

Amelia Jenks Bloomer

In 1851 Amelia Jenks Bloomer, editor of the Temperance newspaper, *The Lily*, published a picture of a unique ladies traveling costume. She noted that it allowed great comfort and freedom of movement and urged women to try it. Many women did and found relief from the usual dress of those days. Elizabeth Cady Stanton said she felt 'like a captive set free from his ball and chain'.

The usual dress for women consisted of as many as six layers of petticoats and a skirt which could weigh up to 12 pounds and was long enough to sweep brush along the streets. The bodice included tightly laced stays that restricted ease of breathing, bending or raising up one's arms.

Subscriptions to *The Lily* quickly increased. Many newspapers across the country criticized the new dress in editorials, headlines and cartoons. Some papers simply reported it, and a few newspapers supported the less restrictive clothing.

Bloomer dresses, as they were now known, spread to England. Seen as an attempt at role reversal, the style soon became a target of ridicule on both sides of the Atlantic. Theaters were quick to spoof the new costume with songs, poems and skits. On the streets, groups of little boys often followed women wearing the new dress and taunted them.

Amelia Bloomer was now internationally famous and was sought after as a speaker throughout Europe and America. At first she spoke at a Temperance convention in New York City and later joined Susan B. Anthony on a speaking tour throughout the state. Several years later Amelia and her husband, Dexter, moved west and settled in Council Bluffs, Nebraska.

The story of Amelia Bloomer is a fascinating part of our history and of the women who helped make it. Come to the luncheon on May 17 to see Bonda Lewis perform Amelia Jenks Bloomer.

Joan Holland

Year 2000 Honorary Membership

Trudy Lung is the clear candidate for Honorary Membership this year. Trudy has served as an officer or member of the Board for many years. She has served as Second Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Amenities Chair, Sunshine Chair and on the Nominating Committee. She was also Chair of the Bridge Section and the Hospitality Committee.

In addition, Trudy has volunteered in almost every facet of the Club, from mailing out the Newsletter to backing up the Rental Chair.

More important than this impressive record of official service, Trudy's cheerful and positive can-do attitude and pleasant demeanor is probably the most important attribute she brings to the Club.

We will vote in June for granting Tudy Lung Honorary Membership.

Board Members, 2000

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THE BOARD WILL BE INSTALLED AT THE MAY MEETING.

Which Loved Best?

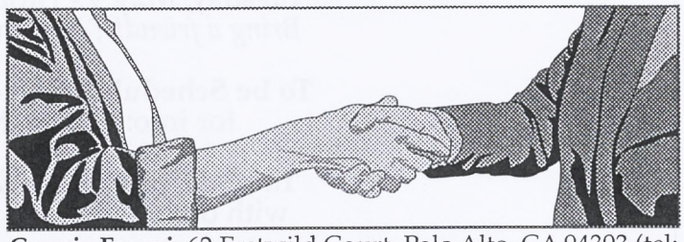
JOY ALLISON

"I love you, Mother," said little John;
Then, forgetting his work, his cap went on,
And he was off to the garden swing,
And left her the water and wood to bring.
"I love you, Mother," said rosy Nell--
"I love you better than tongue can tell";
Then she teased and pouted full half the day,
Till her mother rejoiced when she went to play.
"I love you, Mother," said little Fan;
"Today I'll help you all I can;
How glad I am that school doesn't keep!"
So she rocked the babe till it fell asleep.

Then, stepping softly, she fetched the broom,
And swept the floor and tidied the room;
Busy and happy all day was she,
Helpful and happy as a child could be.
"I love you, Mother," again they said,
Three little children going to bed;
How do you think that mother guessed
Which of them really loved her best?

Happy Mother's Day to all Mothers!

New Member Welcome



Connie Fasani, 62 Erstwild Court, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel: 326-8388). Connie is retired from business and enjoys travel. She has been a long-time volunteer in Palo Alto, recently with Association for Senior Day Health.

Carlota Gwosden, 562 Thain Way, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (tel: 856-6565). Carlota is currently working as an administrative manager. She has served as chair of the Peninsula Parkinson's Support Groups Inc., and PAUSD school improvement program coordinator. She enjoys sewing, investing, and fishing.

Iris Korol, 1303 Dana, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 321-1087). Iris is a non-profit consultant. She has served on the board of directors for the Palo Alto Art Center, the board of directors for the Palo Alto Rotary, the Advisory Board for Adolescent Counseling Services and is a member of the Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club. Her interests include travel, theatre and walking.

Linh P. Nguyen, 619 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 322-2550). Linh works as a chiropractor in Palo Alto. She is a graduate of Cal Berkeley with a degree in biology and has been involved in research at the Palo Alto Medical Foundation Research Institue.

Sandra Pearson, 691 Mirada Avenue, Stanford, CA 94305 (tel: 321-4002). Sandra is retired from teaching. She was a former principal of Palo Alto High School. She has served on the board for Adolescent Counseling Services, and been part of Leadership Midpeninsula. Sandra has been a member of the Stanford Historical Society and the Sierra Club. She enjoys reading, travel, and hiking.

Helene Pier, 1063 Moreno Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel: 856-7481). Helene is retired from social work and teaching. She has been a volunteer for Operation Homebound (library), and Habitat for Humanity. She is a member of the Lawn Bowling Club and her interests include bridge, birding and mystery books.

History Committee

Date To Be Scheduled - Committee on Club History meets at 7:30 pm. Call Jeanne McDonnell at 321-5260.

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Tuesday, May 23 - Book Club at 7:30 pm;
Silent Spring by Rachel Carson; call Susan Kazul 565-9101

Wednesday, June 7- Board Meeting at 11 am

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
475 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Jeanne Farr McDonnell
1509 Portola Ave.
Palo Alto CA 94306-1040

Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Minutes

June 2000 – May 2001

President
Emily Renzel

Secretary
Wanda Cavanaugh

History

Next Board Meeting
SEPTEMBER 6, 2000
11:00 a.m.

Palo Alto Woman's Club Board Meeting: June 6, 2000

Members Present

Enid Pearson
Julie Jerome
Margaret Feuer
Trudy Lung
Emily Renzil
Sharon Small
Boots Gould
Mary Hansen
Ellen Smith
Ella Vandervoort
Wanda Cavanaugh (new board member)

Members Absent or Excused

Sarah French
Anne Ercolani
Arline Dehlinger (old board)
Barbara Carlitz (old board)
Lydia Pugliese
Dorothy Arbuckle
Nina Traugott (new board member)

The meeting was called to order at 10:58 a.m. by Emily Renzel.

The minutes of the May 3, 2000 meeting were approved as read.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Enid Pearson reported that current net worth is $57, 185.62. It was moved, seconded and passed to file for audit. It was moved, seconded and passed to raise the minimum required for co-signing on checks from $500 to $600.

House and Grounds: Margaret Feuer reported on upkeep and improvements to the Women's Club in 1999-2000. These include plantings, updates to code for electrical, banquet covers, carpeting on stage area, dishwasher, foyer lamp, and having the floors redone. The new sprinklers have been deferred to 2000-2001. Plans include: furnishing the foyer in Craftsman-style furniture—estimated cost is $7K; updating the office and making more suitable as a meeting room—estimated cost is $6K; and finishing the Bride's Room—estimated cost is $400.

Membership: Sharon Small reported that as of June 7 we had 118 renewals, 6 members deceased, 4 resigned, 15 pending. In addition, two new members applied: Christine Shambora and Betty Carpenter. It was moved and unanimously passed that they be accepted.

Philanthropy: Ellen Smith reported that the Club will issue a press release on what has been given this year and help familiarize people with the criteria. Julie Jerome noted that

we should establish that we do not accept solicitations for donations. Ellen was complimented on the work of her committee.

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Category Summary Report
5/1/00 through 6/6/00

Category	5/1/00-6/6/00
Inflows	
Activities & Fundraising	111.00
Interest Earned	175.75
Membership Dues	2,360.00
Rent Income	5,321.00
Total Inflows	7,967.75
Outflows	
Activities Exp	362.50
Dues	1,282.50
House Maintain	273.15
Household Supplies	10.01
Janitorial	300.00
Newsletter	104.92
Office	71.63
Refund	3,700.00
Rental Expenses	46.54
Telephone	137.75
Utilities	235.34
Total Outflows	6,524.34
Overall Total	1,443.41

JUNE BOARD MEETING, 6/7/00

Christine Shambora, 236 Tennyson Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 325 - 8330). Christine is a long-time community volunteer in Palo Alto and recently served as PTA Council President and on the board for MPAC. She is also a member of ASDH. Christine's interest include reading, hiking, and traveling.

Report on Membership renewals as of June ~~2~~ 7, 2000

118 renewals

6 deceased

~~3~~ 4 resigned

~~16~~ 15 pending

						2000-2001		
						Proposed Budget		
Receipts								
Carryover excess prior year						**11,200**		
Activities & Fundraiser			luncheons			1,200		
Interest			estimated			1,800		
Membership			110@$50			5,500		
Rent			24@ ($1400+$500+$50)			46,800		
	Total					**55,300**		
Expenses								
Activities			luncheons, honorariums			2,532		
Ad			Guide + yellow pages			1,300		
Bank Fee			$15/mo			180		
Building improvements			see list below			12,200		
Building fund			annual addition			1,200		
Convention			per prior year			100		
Dues			123@$13.50			1,661		
Gardener			$80/mo+$100+$400plants			1,500		
History committee			c/o $700 +$1000			1,700		
Household supplies			per prior year			1,500		
Insurance			per prior year			3,000		
Janitor			$300/mo+$100+24@$40			4,660		
License/fees			per prior year			200		
Maintenance			per prior year			2,880		
Memorials/Donation			per prior year			300		
Miscellaneous			per prior year			100		
Office/Postage			per prior year			1,200		
Philanthrophy			annual allocation			5,000		
Professional fee			$120/mo			1,440		
Refunds			24@$500			12,000		
Taxes			per prior year			1,650		
Telephone			per prior year			1,500		
Utilities			per prior year			3,500		
Yearbook/Newsletter			per prior year			1,000		
	Total					**62,303**		
Excess Rects/Expenses						**-7,003**		
Carryover to next year						**4,201**		
Building improvements:			Foyer furnishings		6,000			
			Bride's room		1,200			
			Office wall unit		3,000			
			Office furnishings		1,000			
			Sideyard time/landsc		1,000			
				Total	12,200			

5/17/00

Palo Alto Women's Club
Rental Income as of 6/1/2000

January

Bat mitzvah	1275
City of PA	100
Powers	1296

February

City of PA	100
Memorial	125

March

Birthday	650
Wedding	1600

April

Anniversary	1300
Earth Day	350

May

Wedding	1250
Birthday	1250
Stanford	300
Piano Rec	500
Memorial	300

---------- EARNED INCOME: $10,396.00

June

Wedding	1250
Wedding	1500
Fashion	350
City Plan	100

Rental Income p2

July

Wedding	1350
Wedding	1600
Memorial	100

August

Wedding	1250
Shower	375
City Plan	1350

EARNED INCOME (as of 8/1) $19,821.00

Money paid out for custodial services (27) $1080.00

ACTUAL EARNED INCOME $18741.00

Income Received as of 8.1.00

September

Anniversary	975
City Plan	2 meetings reflected in August income

October

Wedding	975
Library	700
Dance	1375
Puppet	250
City Plan	600

November

Wedding	975
Wedding	975

December

Klutz	950
Wedding	975
Wedding	975

Total received for events 9.1.00–12.31.00 $8750.00

Women's Club of Palo Alto - Rental < p. 3

January

Bat mitzvah	1275
City of PA	100
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Memorial	300

EARNED INCOME 1.1.00-5.31.00 $10,396.00

EARNED INCOME FROM 6.1.00-9.30.00 $10,475

June

Wedding	1200
Wedding	1500
Fashion	350
City Plan	100

July

Wedding	1300
Wedding	1600
Memorial	100

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August

Wedding	1200
Shower	375
City Plan	100

September

Anniver	1400
City Plan	2 meetings reflected in August income

PROJECTED INCOME

October

Wedding	1500
Library	150
~~Dance~~ Drama	2450
Puppet	250
City Plan	600
Powers	1250

November

Birthday	1400
Wedding	1400
Anniver	1400

December

Klutz	1400
Wedding	1400
Wedding	1400

Total projected income for events 10.1.00–12.31.00 $ 14,600

Total projected income for 2001 $4250.00 (2 weddings and 1 Powers dance series)

Agenda
Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
September 6, 2000

Minutes

Note from Trude Lung, election of replacement to Board

Treasurer's Report

Rentals

House & Grounds

Yearbook & Newsletter

Other Business

Next Board Meeting
OCTOBER 4, 2000
11:00 a.m.

Palo Alto Woman's Club Board Meeting: September 6, 2000

Members Present

Julie Jerome	Mary Hansen
Ninna Traugott	Sarah French
Ella Vandervoort	Peggy McKee
Emily Renzel	Wanda Cavanaugh
Sharon Small	Anne Ercolani

Members Absent or Excused

Margaret Feuer	Lydia Pugliese
Enid Pearson	Dorothy Arbuckle
Boots Gould	Ellen Smith

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Emily Renzel.

The minutes of the June 7, 2000 meeting were approved with the following corrections: Philanthropy report should read " . . . what has been given this year. Recipients were invited to the June lunch and a representative from each organization will attend. The committee's next effort is to formalize the criteria for selecting recipients. Julie Jerome noted that . . ."
Kristine Fitzhugh's name is spelled with a K.

Because of a move, Trudy Lung is resigning from the board, but as an honorary member will retain Club membership. It was moved (Sarah French), seconded (Julie Jerome) and passed that Peggy McKee be named to serve in Lung's place.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Emily Renzel reported for Enid Pearson bank statement as of July 31 shows a balance of $57,131.08. It was moved, seconded and passed to note and file for audit.

House and Grounds: Emily Renzel reported that grounds person Mary McCullough is working on the side automatic sprinkler system and that Stanford Electric has install the tie-in connection as part of the $1500 budgeted for this year.

Rental: Report submitted by Lydia Pugliese. As of August 1 earned income is $18,741.00. We continue on target for two events per month. As of January 1, 2001, rent will increase to $15000. Discussion on concern about adequate parking with PA Medical Clinic changes and City's permit parking plans for area. Julie Jerome attended

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informational and brainstorm meeting on parking plans and notes it will probably be several years before anything is done.

Membership: Sharon Small reported that the following new members applied during the summer: Cathy Dolton, Nancy Fiene, Pria Graves, Chris Kenrick, Lydia Morse, Christina Pahl, Judith Steiner. It was moved and unanimously passed that they be accepted. This brings the membership to 137 with 33 new members joining this past year. Membership attrition was due to eight resignations and six deaths.

Yearbook & Newsletter:
Arline Dehlinger helped out new editor Carol Hubenthal by publishing September issue. The yearbook data has been collected and Karen Holman's goal is to get it to the printer this week.

Other Business:
It was moved and passed to move the December meeting from the 20th to the 13th to help assure attendance for the holidays and school vacation times, and insuring that the Madrigal Singers would be available.

The September meeting will test having sign-in and buffet lunch as a continuous process. The business meeting will start at 12:30. Mary Hansen hosts and the theme will help mark the 150th anniversary of California's statehood.

Emily Renzel reported the following Program Schedule: September—jazz pianist background. October—Linden Tree Books owner on Harry Potter. November—Faith Bell on rare books. December—Madrigal Singers. January—Look Great, Feel Better. February—Dancing Divas. March—Woman's History Month interviews with longtime members. April—Kathy Torgeson and Carolyn Caddes on Albanian refugee camps work. May—Project Read. June—Chamber music background.

To send Board Minutes by email, Wanda Cavanaugh collected emails.

The meeting was adjourned at 12.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Cavanaugh
Secretary 2000-2001

BOARD MEETING, SEPTEMBER 6, 2000

Cathy Dolton, 1570 Dana Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel: 321-5950). Cathy is retired from her position as academic assistant International Studies and Humanities Special Programs at Stanford. She is a volunteer at the P.A. Art Center, and EPA Project Read. She enjoys literature, wildflowers, and travel.

Nancy Fiene, #1 Bayberry, Portola Valley, CA 94028 (tel: 851-9585). Nancy has just retired from teaching classical piano. She has volunteered with the League of Women Voters and PAUSD committees. She is currently on the board of the Gamble Garden Center. The architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright and the history of PA are interests of hers.

Pria Graves, 2130 Yale Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (tel: 493-2153). Pria is the current president of PAST Heritage, and a board member of Juana Briones Heritage Foundation. She is a retired software engineer and her interests include gardening, particularly historic garden preservation. She is also a member of the English Speaking Union.

Chris Kenrick, 528 Tennyson Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 327-6151). Chris is a former editorial page editor of the Palo Alto Weekly. Chris enjoys travel, reading, and piano. She is a member of the University Club where she plays doubles tennis.

Lydia Morse, 308 Lincoln Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 321-5569). Lydia is retired from her position as secretary business manager of PAUSD. She has been a tutor for Project Read, and is a member of Gamble Garden Center and the Museum of American Heritage. She has been involved in local politics and enjoys travel.

Christina Pahl, 2174 Waverley Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 462-9309). Christina is an art consultant and had a design-studio art business for 5 years. She is a member of the University Club, SECA, and San Francisco Art Museum. She is interested in investments, health fitness and French.

Judith Steiner, 508 Churchill Aveune, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 321-1024). Judith is the executive director at Hidden Villa. She has served on the boards of MCFH, LWVPA and East Palo Alto Kids Foundation. Her interests include travel and community concerns.

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

September 2000 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

President's Message

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Welcome back for another year of fun in the Woman's Club. As we worked on this year's yearbook, I was impressed with the energy that is in the Club now. 33 new members joined since last September so our total now stands at 137 members. I want to thank the many of you who agreed to take on some of the Club responsibilities. In addition to the 14 members of the Board, we have 10 luncheon chairs, 14 phone chairs, 5 ex-officio members of the Board, and at least a dozen of you who are taking on special responsibilities like Programs, Hospitality, Music, Publicity, the Newsletter and the Yearbook. We should have a bang up year with this much participation. Thanks to all of you.

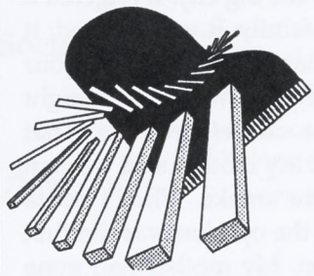
I want to say a special word about **Trudy Lung**, who (alas!) is moving on September 1 to Sonoma to live near her daughter. Trudy welcomed all of us "younger" members and readily embraced new ideas. She has served on the Board for many years, but she has also helped in nearly all aspects of the club from presiding over the Collect, to bridge, to helping with the rentals and the newsletter. This move is a good one for Trudy, because she will have many new activities and be near her daughter, but for us, and particularly for me, there will be a big void when she moves. Trudy's good cheer and can-do attitude will be sorely missed by all. We hope, Trudy, that you will come back to see us once in a while.
Hope to see everyone September 20 when we will welcome our new members.

Emily

Wednesday, September 20

FIRST MEETING OF THE 2000-2001 YEAR

TO WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



Jazz pianist, **Don Creswell**, will be entertaining us with background music

11:45 **Member and guest sign-in, buffet lunch**
12:30 **President's Welcome and Program**
1:15 **Adjourn**

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

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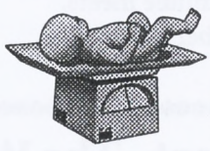
Sunshine News



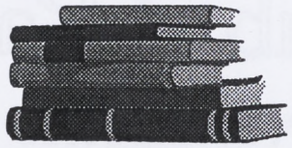
Happy News this spring and summer for: **Kimberly Snelgrove** who gave birth to **Jonathan**, 9 lbs 6 oz, on March 10, **Elizabeth Lucco** who gave birth to **Henry**, 7 lbs 12 oz, on July 7, and **Heidi Lewis** who gave birth to **Grayson**, 8 lbs 6 oz, on August 14...

Dorothy Arbuckle is recovering from knee surgery and will spend some recuperation time with her daughter in Oregon.

Look Inside!

Luncheon List, New Members, Book Club List and more!

Book Group



Tuesday, September 26, Book Group meets at 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, call Susan Kazul, 565 9101.

For our fall series we selected authors from five different nations. The first is Edna O'Brien's *House of Splendid Isolation*. This novel is unnervingly clear about the way warfare hardens and horrifies people. O'Brien's first seven novels were banned in Ireland. I looked her up on the internet and found an interview with her, and here is one thing she said about that: "My first book, *The Country Girls*, was a simple little tale of two girls who were trying to burst out of their gym frocks and their convent, and their own lives in their own houses, to make it to the big city. It angered a lot of people, including my own family. It was banned; it was called a smear on Irish womanhood. A priest in our parish asked from the altar if anyone who had bought copies would bring them to the chapel grounds. That evening there was a little burning. My mother said women fainted, and I said maybe it was the smoke. When I wrote my second book, *The Lonely Girls*, the opinion was the first was a prayer book by comparison. My mother had gone though the book and inked out any offending words."

Edna O'Brien's first novel was published in 1960. Her work could be thought of as a history of the years since then in Ireland. The first paragraph of *House of Splendid Isolation* reads: "History is everywhere. It seeps into the soil, the subsoil. Like rain, or hail, or snow, or blood. A house remembers...the tale differs with the teller."

Jeanne McDonnell

History Committee

Thursday, September 7 - History committee meets, Thursday September 7, 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, call Jeanne McDonnell 321 5260

History Corner

Irene Lawrence has been the club pianist for many of her ninety-three years. When I asked her if she thinks music has kept her young, she said, "Well, at least it has kept my fingers nimble." One of her activities, besides attending the monthly Woman's Club lunch and usually playing there some lively music while we are arriving, is playing, also once a month, for Channing House sing-alongs. She said they always like to open with *Red Sails in the Sunset*, which she thinks is too draggy, and to close with *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, which I think isn't exactly Irene's favorite either, but she likes to please her audience.

Music has something to do with Irene's sprightly attitude about life. At the June lunch, she laughed about what had happened when she called the lunch-crew coordinator to ask what she should do. "I think she said I don't have to do anything because I'm too old." Irene follows in the tradition of the Club since its very beginning, when there was music at virtually every meeting of members.

Here is an excerpt from the minutes of a meeting at Fraternity Hall, May 17, 1905: "An excellent musical program was given under the direction of Mrs. Lizzie Roller, chairman of music, the numbers being as follows: Piano solo, Miss Upham; vocal solo, Miss Virginia Goodsell - with violin obbligato; violin solo, Mr. Sheibley; Piano solo, Miss Arnott." One of our club historians, Carol Murden, knew that Miss Upham taught piano and was the daughter of a noted local architect.

In 1930, Laura Lee started a Choral Section. Probably she is the person who began our fine collection of sheet music. We have multiple copies of about 25 choral pieces for women's voices in three-part harmony. I can almost feel the energy of *Bring A Torch, Jeannettte, Isabella* when I look at that one.

There are also some copies of only words for songs that were so familiar to everyone they didn't need notes, songs like *If You Knew Susie* and *Let Me Call You Sweetheart.*

Jeanne McDonnell

Investment - The Woman's Club Club

Tuesday, September 19, The Woman's Club Club meets at 6:30 pm (with dinner) the 3d Tuesday of each month. Call Sharon Small (326-7408). The Women's club of Palo Alto has its own investment club - called The Women's Club Club. We are seeking one new member. We have been meeting on the third Tuesday of each month (except July and August) since October 1998. We made our first purchase in February, 1999, and currently own shares in 9 companies. Our bylaws allow for 15 members, and we now have an opening for a new member. The by-in cost is about $750. If you're interested, call Sharon Small (326-7408) or come to our September 19 meeting (6:30 at the Club, dinner provided) to learn more.

Agenda October 4, 2000 11:07

Minutes - September (Small French)/as corrected

House & Grounds

Treasurer's Report Lydia @ $ 58751. in bank

Rentals — Rent Canteen : $ 10,475 June to 9.30

projected 14,600 to 12.31

Projected income for fiscal year

Policy re weeknight rentals, dance classes, etc.

Philanthropy - Meets in Nov. third Thurs of nov. Formalize guidelines & policies
15K commitment for donations Decisions by May.

Sunshine - Barb to take over.

Other Business

Possible reimbursement for Evening Social — 7 member Comm - Julie organized
offer up to
Chair can submit for
reimbursement up to $ 2o
expenses along the ~~lines~~ evening
(French, Jerome)

Possible raise for Tom Salabert

Motion; Havens
Vandeusen
$ 350 mo. starting immediately (raise from 300)
with $ 500 bonus at Christmas.
passed.

7 Yes to put Faust in D.V. mention in Newsletter Oct 28

Next Board Meeting
NOVEMBER 1, 2000
11:00 a.m.

Palo Alto Woman's Club Board Meeting: October 4, 2000

Members Present

Julie Jerome
Boots Gould
Ella Vandervoort
Emily Renzel
Sharon Small
Mary Hansen
Sarah French
Ellen Smith
Wanda Cavanaugh

Members Absent or Excused

Margaret Feuer
Enid Pearson
Peggy McKee
Ninna Traugott
Lydia Pugliese
Dorothy Arbuckle
Anne Ercolani

The meeting was called to order at 11:07 a.m. by Emily Renzel.

The minutes of the 9.6, 2000 meeting were approved (Small, French) with the following correction: Jan. 1 rental increase will be to $1500.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Emily Renzel reported for Enid Pearson that current bank account is $58951.

House and Grounds: Purchases of water pitchers and teapots to help with monthly luncheon supplies reported.

Rental: Report submitted by Lydia Pugliese. June 2000 through May 31, 2001 earned and projected income is greater than $29,325.

Moved (Smith), seconded (Hansen) and passed that (reference: discussion on second dance class session use), we hold to only one type of use per month.

Membership:
No new members to report.

Yearbook & Newsletter:
Arline Dehlinger continues to help out new editor Carol Hubenthal and will publish October issue.

Philanthropy:

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Ellen Smith reported that first committee meeting will be held in November and continue on third Thursday of each month. Plans are to formalize guidelines and policies. Goal is to commit $5,000 for donations and to have decisions made by May.

Sunshine:
Boots Gould will replace Trudy Lung as chair.

Other Business:
It was moved (French, Jerome) and passed that the chair for the Evening Social can submit for reimbursement up to $20 for expenses above the evening take.

It was moved (Vandervoort, Hansen) and passed to raise Tom Salabert's monthly retainer from $300 to $350 with a $500 bonus to be given at Christmas. The Board recognizes Tom's contributions to the Club and that no such raise had been given in recent years.

Board agreed that a memo about Faust in Silicon Valley puppet show to be held at the Women's Club on Oct. 28 could be included in newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Cavanaugh
Secretary 2000-2001

Agenda
Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
November 1, 2000 at 11:00 a.m.

Call to Order 11:13am Emily

October minutes approved note & filed Small/Smith

Treasurer's Report - Enid Pearson #59,770.50 Phil 6.11.03 MM @ 12,210.- CD - 23,000 Check #17812
Note & filed Pugliese/McKee

Rentals - Lydia Pugliese Policy? - Use @975 discount

Membership - Sharon Small
new member Small/Smith approved

Philanthropy - Ellen Smith
new member nametags - Emily to check if we have. need to develop new going forward

House & Grounds
adding 7 new green tablecloths to supplies
Nimma to have Carpenter look at plans for Bridal & Meeting Room & contact Margaret Fenn

Sunshine - Boots Gould
need to find
→ Lois Houghton's husband died
→ Boot's and Chuck's son died this week
42 yrs old -
~~Mahon~~/Small

Other Business
Message from the Prez: Read your Newsletter and use your Yearbook.

Be ready to assess ?
Dev. leadership for ~~next~~ future -

11:59

Next Board Meeting
DECEMBER 6, 2000
11:00 a.m.

Palo Alto Woman's Club Board Meeting: November 1, 2000

Members Present

Peggy McKee	Anne Ercolani
Ninna Traugott	Lydia Pugliese
Enid Pearson	Ellen Smith
Emily Renzel	Wanda Cavanaugh
Sharon Small	

Members Absent or Excused

Margaret Feuer	Ella Vandervoort
Dorothy Arbuckle	
Julie Jerome	Mary Hansen
Boots Gould	Sarah French

The meeting was called to order at 11:13 a.m. by Emily Renzel.

The minutes of the 10.4, 2000 meeting were approved to note and file (Small/Smith).

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Enid Pearson reported that current bank account is $59770.50. Accounts break down as follows: Philanthropy--$6511.03; Money Market--$12,210; CD—more than $23,000 (have not received statement of exact amount); Checking--$17,812. It was moved, seconded (Pugliese/McKee) to note and file report.

House and Grounds: Purchase made of seven new dark green table clothes to help with monthly luncheon supplies reported.

Traugott to check on carpenter and look at plans for Bridal and Board rooms. Will contact Feur. Discussion on furnishings and facelift for Board room.

Rental: Lydia Pugliese reported earned income from 6.1.00-10.31.00 of $15,425 with projected income for 11.1.00-12.31.00 of $9,375. Total projected income for 2001 is currently $5450 including three weddings, dance and drummer series.

Discussion concerning request by renter who was unable to use the facility for their event and wanted to know if the nonrefundable deposit of $975 could be used as a donation for tax purposes. As this would set a precedent, it was decided that Pugliese would contact a member lawyer for advise on how this might affect the Club's 401(c)3 status. She will also inform requester that we are checking into the legal ramifications and will get back to them.

Membership: 11.1.2000
It was moved, seconded (Small/Smith) and passed to accept Karen White as a new member. New member nametags are being researched on both recent past new members and new members going forward.

Yearbook & Newsletter:
President Renzel requests that all board members encourage members to read each because of the valuable information contained.

Philanthropy:
Ellen Smith reported that first committee meeting will be held later this month. Will look at using current account amount of $6,511.03. Noted that this is the Club's major yearly civic effort. A donation to the Support Network for Battered Women will also be collected at the Christmas luncheon.

Sunshine:
Boots and Chuck Gould's son passed away unexpectedly.
Lois Houghton's husband died.
It was moved, seconded (McKee/Small) and passed to contribute $50 in memoriam for each to the Philanthropy Fund.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Cavanaugh
Secretary 2000-2001

11. 1. 2000 Rentals

EARNED INCOME FROM 6.1.00-10.31.00 $15,425.00

June
- Wedding 1200
- Wedding 1500
- Fashion 350

City Plan 100

July
- Wedding 1300
- Wedding 1600
- Memorial 100

August
- Wedding 1200
- Shower 375
- City Plan 100

September
- Anniver 1400
- City Plan meetings reflected in August income

October
- Wedding 1500
- Library 150
- Workshop 2450
- Puppet 350
- City Plan 500
- Powers 1250(approx. depends on gate)

PROJECTED INCOME

November
- Birthday 975
- Wedding 1400
- Anniver 1400
- Powers depends on gate

December
- Klutz 1400
- Wedding 1400
- Wedding 1400
- Wedding 1400

Total projected income for events 11.1.00–12.31.00 $ 9,375.00
Total projected income for 2001 $4600.00 (3 weddings, 1 Powers dance series, Zorina's workshop) ~~$4600~~ + $450 w/ Powers & Zorina

NOVEMBER 1, 2000 BOARD MEETING

Karen White, 146 Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303, tel: 494-7026. Karen is a paralegal, currently serving on the executive board of the PTA Council as director, juvenile protection. She also serves on the boards of Family YMCA, and Palo Alto Foundation for Education. Karen enjoys quilting, jogging and civic issues.

Woman's Club of Palo Alto
Philanthropy Committee

Donation Guidelines--November 2000

The Philanthropy Committee of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto furthers the Club's commitment to "community work," by contributing money to nonprofit organizations and certain government-sponsored programs (such as libraries) that serve our membership area on the mid-Peninsula. Each year the Committee selects five or more such organizations to which to make a donation. Funds for donations come from the Club's standing philanthropy fund and from an annual appropriation by the Board of Directors. Our focus is on education, libraries, and on programs that serve women and children, although we do not limit ourselves to organizations strictly serving these areas.

The Club makes donations directly, not through any other agency. The Committee considers only organizations recommended to us by our members; unsolicited proposals are not accepted.

The maximum grant to any one organization will be 20 percent of the funds available.

The Committee makes its selections by April each year and submits these names to the Board for its May meeting, so that checks can be written by May 31, the end of the club's fiscal year. Recipients are informed by letter and invited to attend our June luncheon meeting. Checks may be given then or mailed.

Criteria for Considering Recommended Organizations

In addition to criteria indicated above, the Committee considers the following:

- Organizations should offer a direct service program; nonprofits must meet the qualifications for 501(c)(3) organizations.
- We support both locally based organizations and specific local programs sponsored by larger organizations.
- We prefer smaller programs where our contribution can make a difference.
- We do not consider supporting fundraising events, political or religious activities, deficit funding or cash reserves, for-profit schools, or fundamental or applied research projects.

Organizations under consideration will be asked to provide information, including program descriptions and operating budgets.

Members of the Committee are encouraged to visit programs during the selection process and during the year following a donation.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING--Wednesday, December 6, 2000 11:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING--January 3, 2001 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Emily Renzel at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Sharon Small, Enid Pearson, Lydia Pugliese, Sarah French, Margaret Feuer , Peggy McKee and Emily Renzel

Absent: Ella Vandervoort (ill), Wanda Cavanaugh (work conflict), Julie Jerome (meeting conflict), Anne Ercolani (out of town), Mary Hansen (family emergency), Ninna Traugott (out of town), Margaret Gould and Ellen Smith (out of town)

The correction and filing of the minutes has been deferred until the January, 2001, meeting, as we need clarification of the email minutes process.

Treasurer's Report--Enid reported that we have $66,767.21. There will be an audit by Lanie Wheeler. She will use two separate months and report to the Board.

Rentals--Lydia reported that earned income from 6/1/00-11/30/00 was $19,354.20 and the total projected income for calendar year 2000, will be $35,700. We also have several $1500 bookings for 2001, including one in January, one in April and one in June. We are on target for our budgeted revenue. Emily thanked Lydia for the great job she is doing.

Membership--Sharon Small reported that we now have 141 members. She presented five new members for Board consideration: Pat (David) Parrish Davis , 1861 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto, 94301, phone 321-2120; Carolyn Long, 630 Keats Ct. Palo Alto, 94303, phone 858-1415; Pauline Parker, 430 Kingsley Av. Palo Alto, 94301, phone 327-0657; Bunny Petersen, 1655 Middlefield Rd. Palo Alto, 94301, phone 328-6297; and Kathryn Schmidt, 833 Lincoln Av. Palo Alto 94301, phone 327-8356. The Board voted to approve the memberships.

Philanthropy--Emily reported that Ellen Smith had convened her committee which has invited philanthropy proposals from the membership. Ellen has prepared a box for donations to Support Network for Battered Women.

House & Grounds--Margaret Feuer reported that they are looking into the refurnishing of the foyer, finishing the Brides room and eventually redoing the Board room. Plans have been drawn up and will be implemented as time and money permit. The Committee will meet Friday, December 8 at 3 p.m.

Emily reported that she repainted and labeled our white loading zone in front of the building, and if anyone sees illegal parking, there are yellow TICKET messages in the Board room to put on the windshield of the offending vehicle.

There was discussion regarding the need for trimming the trees along the driveway. Emily will get estimates. Margaret said that it would be approximately $500-$1,000 to do the work. It was agreed that the trimming was much overdue.

Emily reported that the property line survey that was done jointly with the neighbor, John Dunec, involved cost sharingand that he will pay us soon the portion he owes us - approximately $900.

Sunshine--Boots is absent today--no report

Other business--There is room for two cars in the driveway. Traditionally one space is reserved for the President. During the monthly luncheon meetings the tandem space could be used by the chair of the luncheon or others. It was suggested that whoever arrives first should pull as far as possible into the driveway so there is plenty of room for a second car.

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There was discussion regarding the city's proposed parking permit system --hopefully we will be issued permits for the Wednesday luncheons and Tuesday evening meetings. They are no longer considering regulating the weekends. Negotiations and meetings are being held currently to decide how the permit system will operate.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Sarah French for Wanda Cavanaugh

Rental Report

EARNED INCOME FROM 6.1.00-11.30.00 $19,354,20

June

Wedding	1200
Wedding	1500
Fashion	350
City Plan	100

July

Wedding	1300
Wedding	1600
Memorial	100

August

Wedding	1200
Shower	375
City Plan	100

September

Anniver	1400
City Plan	meetings reflected in August income

October

Wedding	1500
Library	150
Workshop	2450
Puppet	350
City Plan	500

November

Birthday	975 (deposit not returned)
Wedding	1400
Anniver	1400
Powers	1354.20
Neigh Assoc	50

December

Klutz	1400
Wedding	1400
Wedding	1400
Wedding	1500 (inc. early entry)
Stanf CC	250

Total for 2000 $35,700.20

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January	
Corp. Party	750
Richard Powers	TBA at end of session
February	
Sheehan Mem	250
March	
Chabad event	250
April	
Wedding	1500
June	
Wedding	1500
August	
Wedding	1600
September	
Wedding	1500
October	
Workshop	3000
Total	10,350

Agenda
Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
January 3, 2001

Call to Order 11:10

Minutes for November & December (Motion to Note and File)

Treasurer's Report (Motion to File for Audit)

Rentals - Lydia Pugliese

House & Grounds
- Trees
- More Tablecloths
- Other

Membership - Sharon Small

148 members

3 new members (Small/Friend)

Philanthropy - Ellen Smith

meeting this mo. looking @ PG's welcomes suggestions

Sunshine - Boots Gould

5 group goal

~~invited~~ to June lunch

donation from member - Ann Selvidge

Collection @ holiday lunch $380 for Battered Women's DV

Federation Projects

of Women's Clubs

Loma Calif. Pista District

- Libraries 2000 – collecting info on
- Very special Arts request for donation ↳ for veterans arts

$100 French/Gould to contribute

Federation Reporting

Who, How, and When???

Send all info to Ella Comm. chairs to report (yearly summary) by March –

Nominations for next year's Board

Nom. Comm @ Jan mtg.

Other Business

Ella V. Sybil Fluke - int. in membership.

Adjournment 12:08

Wanda talk to Jeanne about minutes for Hist Comm.

Phil. Gould/French

Donations:

- Freda Rabitel's - Mother
- Joyce Vorhees sister

Donations made in

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING—
Wednesday, January 3, 2001 11:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING—February 7, 2001 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Emily Renzel at 11:10 a.m.

Present: Emily Renzel, Sharon Small, Lydia Pugliese, Sarah French, Ella Vandervoot, Wanda Cavanaugh, Julie Jerome, Margaret Gould, Ellen Smith
Guest: Lanie Wheeler, auditor
Absent: Enid Pearson, Anne Ercolani, Mary Hansen, Ninna Traugott, Peggy McKee

Passed to note and file the November minutes with the following correction: Exclude Margaret Feuer from absentee list. Will only note ex officio members when present.

Passed to note and file the December minutes with the following correction: New member Pat Parrish Davis should not have (David) in parentheses. In Other Business, correct to "whoever uses driveway first."

It was agreed that for email minutes the corrections would be sent to the Secretary who will collect and note the corrections at the following meeting. Upon approved they will be noted in that meeting's minutes.

Treasurer's Report—Emily Renzel reported for Enid Pearson that we have $66,458.66 in total assets. These include $6611 in scholarship fund, $22,849.48 in CD, $24,743.67 in Comerica account, $12,254.48 in building fund.

Auditor Lanie Wheeler reported on findings based on two-month sampling that books are in good order and Treasurer Enid Pearson has been doing a good job. For Accounts Payable she noted that back up attached to checks is in order, correct controls (such as two signatures on checks over $600) are in place. In Accounts Receivable she found small errors in categorization of payments, although she noted that all monies were included. Recommended that Treasurer report back to Membership and Rental Chairs when checks are received to insure record conciliation.

Rentals–Lydia reported that 2000 total income was $35,700.20. 2001 projected income is $10,350 with $4,000 projected through June for the Club's fiscal year. We are waiting for final booking dates for the Richard Powers dance series.

The Woman's Club is listed in www.herecomestheguide.com online and book from which we get approximately 50-75 percent of our wedding referrals (other advertisements are only in Yellow Pages and word of mouth). At present we have photos and test. A 360 degree virtual tour of the Cole Mansion is available at www.inplace.net/demo/hctg. It is suggested that members view and discuss at next meeting if we should do a similar site for the Woman's Club. In addition, Lydia requested that we review our current site for corrections and additions.

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House & Grounds—Emily reported for Margaret Feuer that bids are out for Bride's and Board rooms remodeling. Emily had trees trimmed to remove from roof and clean up area for $375 (original estimate was that cost would be between $500-1000).

Emily added a much needed new trashcan in the women's restroom and 7 round and 3 square autumn color table clothes. The Club now has three different color sets.

Ella Vandervort brought us issue of parking in driveway and re-landscaping area. Emily noted that this is part of long-term plan with goal of having four off-street parking spots.

Membership—Sharon Small reported membership is now 148. It was moved (Small, French)and passed to admit three new members: Jeanne Abbott, 560 Melville Ave. Palo Alto; Kathryn Acatiff, 105 Rinconada Ave., Palo Alto; Sharleen Fiddaman, 2255 Webster Street, Palo Alto.

Philanthropy—Ellen Smith reported the committee is meeting this month. Goal is to donate to five groups, welcome suggestions on organizations. Noted individual donation from member Anne Saldich. Holiday lunch collection for Battered Women's Network was $380.

Sunshine—It was moved, seconded (Gould, French) and passed to contribute $50 each to the Philanthropy Fund in memoriam for Freyda Ravitz's mother and Joyce Voorhies's sister. Boots will send cards to notify members of contributions.

Federation of Women's Clubs Projects—Ella and Emily will collect information on the Libraries 2000 project. It was moved, seconded (French, Gould) and passed to contribute $100 to the Very Special Arts for Our Veterans.

It was agreed that all committee chairs would funnel information to Ella by March for yearly report summary to Federation. Ella to check what is required in reporting.

Other business—Nominations Committee for next year's Board will be named at January meeting.

Ella reported new member interest to Sharon. Wanda will check with Jeanne McDonnell about minutes and inclusion in Historical Committee efforts.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Wanda Cavanaugh

New Members

BOARD MEETING, JANUARY 3, 2001

Jeanne Abbott, 560 Melville Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 327-0831. Jeanne's volunteer experience includes serving as a docent at the Cantor Arts Center and volunteering with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. She is a member of Foothills Tennis & Swim Club, the Garden Club of PA, and Gamble Garden. Jeanne enjoys theatre, books, art and gardening.

Kathryn Acatiff, 105 Rinconada Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 328-0853.

Sharleen Fiddaman, 2255 Webster Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 321-7029. Sharleen is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker. She has been a member of the PA Auxiliary Children's Hospital, ASDH, PAST Heritage and Canopy. Her current and past experience includes pres. Garden Club of PA, pres. PTA, and boardmember of Gamble Garden Center. Her interests include gardening, floral arranging, hiking and travel.

2001 Income / Rentals :

January	
Corp. Party	750
Richard Powers	TBA at end of session
City of PA	250
Castilleja	750
February	
Sheehan Mem	250
City of PA	250
Iranian Women's	400
Richard Powers	TBA at end of session
March	
Chabad event	250
April	
Wedding	1500
May	
Wedding	1500
June	
Wedding	1500
August	
Wedding	1600
September	
Wedding	1500
October	
Workshop	3000
Total	13,500 projected

Memorandum

Date: 1/3/01

To: Board of Directors, Woman's Club of Palo Alto

Cc:

From: Lanie Wheeler

I have been asked to examine selected accounting transactions and practices of the Woman's Club of Palo Alto for the calendar year 2000.

The methodology I chose was to select two months at random—March and September. I examined all checks written, all deposits made, all bank statements and the financial statements as prepared by the Club's CPA. My findings are as follows:

Accounts Payable. By and large, both transactions and controls are satisfactory. All checks requiring two signatures had them. All checks written, with the exception of checks for the meeting program speakers, had appropriate backup attached. Bank reconciliations for the operating checking account are regularly performed. Expenses appear to be categorized appropriately.

Accounts Receivable. Major sources of revenue appear to be facility rental, membership dues and luncheon income. I found one discrepancy in looking at March revenue. All income items are attributed to rental income, although the deposit slips indicate that there were revenues in the dues ($25) and activities/fundraising ($137) categories. There is currently no methodology for reporting back to the membership or facilities chairs when and in what amounts deposits are made.

Recommendations:

1. All accounts payable transactions, including speakers' honoraria, should have proper backup. For speakers, perhaps the program chair could prepare a check request.

2. Copies of bank deposit slips showing the deposit of dues or facility rental payments should be provided to the respective chairs of those functions. The purpose of such a practice would be to tighten the internal control system to insure that the records for the two major sources of income are reconciled.

New email:
> MGould1924@aol.com

Agenda
Woman's Club Board
February 6, 2001

to order 11:04

Minutes - Wanda Cavanaugh — Correction 146 memberships — passed - note and file

Treasurer's Report - Enid Pearson — 1) see Net Worth rpt. 2) Enid to move $ from chkg to MM + file prev. mvmt's

House & Grounds - Margaret Feuer — 9K bid in place for bld in 5' Bd Rm; antique furn. purchased; new consider table for reception area. $600

Membership - Sharon Small - one new; Janet Peacock (147) - small - teach

Rentals - Lydia Pugliese —

Sunshine - Boots Gould — ~~no reports~~ Notes sent to recipients. If you know someone who stored got a call, notify Boots - in newsletter this Valentine's for shut-ins.

Other Business

Survey payment due - Emily — see letter to Dunsea.

Luncheons - Sarah French — Discussion raising luncheon fees or reimbursement amt manager for luncheons as bd position - help w/ luncheons - March News to Clarify Amt April: Emily to call/remind luncheon chrs

Board Attendance - Emily

House & Grounds
9 - 90" table cloths - 39.90 ea.
Ivory

Total projected: $13,500

Rentals: Lydia — League of Women Voters — Feb 17th — no problem — non profit use — 50/hr — 5 hr min $300 inc Custodial fee — Anna Escher, to attend office organizing?

Income: Jan & Feb Richard Powers dance classes — 6 wk sessions - Mon night 3 hrs.

Lydia to remind $25 night min.

WOMAN'S CLUB MEETING—
Wednesday, February 7, 2001 11:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING—March 7, 2001 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Emily Renzel at 11:05 a.m.

Present: Emily Renzel, Sharon Small, Lydia Pugliese, Sarah French, Wanda Cavanaugh, Julie Jerome, Margaret Gould, Ellen Smith, Enid Pearson, Mary Hansen, Ninna Traugott
Absent: Ella Vandervoort, Anne Ercolani, Peggy McKee

Passed to note and file the January minutes with the following correction: Membership is 146. Note: New January member name is Kathryn Akatiff not Acatiff.

Treasurer's Report—Enid Pearson reported that we have $64,089.73 in total assets including $21,188.93 in checking account. Agreed that Enid will move some money from the checking to the money market account. Passed (Smith, Gould) to note and file the report for audit.

Rentals--Lydia Pugliese reported that 2001 projected income is $13,500 through June for the Club's fiscal year. Agreed, after discussion, to have League of Women Voters rent on Feb. 17th.

House & Grounds—Emily reported for Margaret Feuer that a $9,000 bid is in for Board Room remodeling. Margaret purchased a new console table for the front room for $600. Emily added nine new 90-inch ivory tablecloths.

Membership—Passed (Small, French) to admit one new member: Janet Peacock, 1585 Mariposa Avenue, Palo Alto. Membership is now 147.

Sunshine — Boots Gould suggested putting a notice in the newsletter requesting that members who know of someone who should receive a card for any reason to contact her. She sent cards to notify members of recent memorial contributions.

Philanthropy — Ellen Smith reported that recommendations will be made at the April meeting. There has been some discussion among committee members that we should consider activities to raise funds that could be used for the philanthropy needs.
We received a thank you for the $100 donation to the Special Arts Program.

Other business—
Survey payment due: Emily has sent a letter to the Dunec's concerning their balance due of $768 (of $1500 share) for shared payment for the joint fence-line survey.

Luncheon: Sarah French led a discussion around issues for monthly Luncheon Chairs arising from the large luncheon attendance. The Nomination Committee is looking into

having a Board Member act as Program Chair. It was agreed 2.7.2001 that this person be responsible for clarifying procedures and help available to the monthly Luncheon Chairs.

Board attendance: Emily discussed the importance of Board Members attending the monthly meetings, and noted that many have missed several meetings. She encouraged all members to be diligent in attending meetings.

New email for Boots Gould is mgould1924@aol.com.

Respectfully submitted

Wanda Cavanaugh

Net Worth Report

As of 2/6/01

Accounts	2/6/01 Balance	
Assets		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Cal Fed #2	6,863.29	Philanthropic Acct
Comerica	21,188.93	Checking
Comerica MM	12,276.82	MM
Washington Mutual	23,760.69	CD mature 5/14/01
Woman's Club	0.00	
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	64,089.73	
Total Assets	64,089.73	
Liabilities	0.00	
Overall Total	64,089.73	←

FEBRUARY 7, 2001 BOARD MEETING

New member:

Janet Peacock, 1585 Mariposa Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306, tel: 326-9260. Janet's experience includes director of Montessori Preschool, and vice president of the Montessori Society of Santa Clara Valley. She enjoys reading, environmental issues, and performing arts.

February 5, 2001

John & Sheila Dunec
744 Cowper Street
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Dear John & Sheila:

Since my term as President of the Woman's Club will be up in a couple of months, I'm trying to tie up loose ends - one of which is our joint property survey.

My recollection of the situation was that we had a bid for a fenceline survey of $1500. We asked you and the neighbors on Homer if you would like to participate in the survey. You said you would, but only if we had a recorded survey. We then had a bid from Mission Engineers which broke out as follows:

Fenceline	$ 1500
Map preparation	$ 1000
Permanent Markers	$ 500
Additional property	$ 500
Map filing fee	$ 550 (actual)
TOTAL	**$ 4050**

My recollection is that we agreed to do the joint survey with us paying for the fenceline survey and half of the additional costs associated with a recorded survey. This would put our share at $ 2525 and yours at $1525. The actual total paid was $4050 and we paid all but the $732 that you paid. I believe Mission Engineers has ceased their spurious billings since my letter of August 15, 2000.

Since, as I recall, you had agreed to pay $1500 and not $1525, I propose that you reimburse us for $768 which is the balance of your share of $1500. If this is agreeable to you, please make the check to the Palo Alto Woman's Club. If you have any questions, please call me at 321-4165. Thanks a lot.

Sincerely,

Emily M. Renzel, President
Palo Alto Woman's Club
475 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, CA 94301

Agenda
Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
March 7, 2001 at 10:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Minutes - Wanda Cavanaugh Julie, Ellen

Treasurer's Report - Emily for Enid Pearson fund raising event?

Rentals - Lydia Pugliese Desie. concerns about rentals with economy downturn. re. future expenses - need to be mindful - Fixed expenses adjust to rental

House & Grounds - Margaret Feuer
2 Console tables - discussion on Bldg Storage bench - Closet area & Carpentry for Buddy Lydia noted it needs to be done.

Nominating Committee - Margaret Feuer

Sunshine - Boots Gould - no report

Philanthropy - Ellen Smith
Membership - Sharon Gloria Brown Small, McKee to accept
Diana Diamond

Other Business
Payment received from John Dunec ($768.00) ✓
True confessions - one more 90" tablecloth ✓
Possible donation for earthquake relief in El Salvador or India - Dorothy A.

Irene Morris - piano - music bot. from band - thanks for years of piano — Lydia

Defer decision for a month

Avery special 4.28.1 Arts Festival @ Stanford req for donation for supplies "Kids With Dream"

Ads 11:22

Phlan: authorization to spend $7K
137 makes
Smith/Gould passed

Lydia
Julie
Sarah
Wanda
Boots
Ellen
Ella
Sharon
Peggy
Emily
Mary

2 Coffee Pots - Cooks problems
last 2 luncheons - needed Emily to check
~~1 at cup pot on sale for $9~~
~~2 total~~

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING—
Wednesday, March 7, 2001 10:30 a.m.

NEXT MEETING—April 4, 2001 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Emily Renzel at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Emily Renzel, Sharon Small, Lydia Pugliese, Sarah French, Wanda Cavanaugh, Julie Jerome, Margaret Gould, Ellen Smith, Mary Hansen, Ella Vandervoort, Peggy McKee
Absent: Anne Ercolani, Enid Pearson, Ninna Traugott

Passed (Jerome, Smith) to note and file the January minutes with the following corrections: Under Treasurer's Report, motion is to "File for Audit."

Under Rentals, after the first sentence, add the following sentence: "Lydia asked for guidance about renting to Anna Eshoo's office February 17 for a forum to be run by the League of Women Voters. Agreed, after discussion that this would not be a political event and thus it was OK.

Under Other Business re the Survey, the end of the sentence should say "payment for the joint recorded property line survey."

Under Luncheons, rewrite as follows: Sarah French raised concerns about the increased responsibility for monthly luncheon chairs due to the large luncheon attendance. She wondered if we should raise the lunch fee from $3 to $5. Emily said she would rather see us raise the reimbursement fee from $100 to $150. Treasurer Enid Pearson said that very few claims have been submitted for reimbursement so far this year. Emily showed the Board the "Cookbook" that was provided to each of the luncheon chairs this year. Since the Nominating Committee is looking into having a Board Member act as luncheon coordinator responsible for clarifying procedures and providing guidance to luncheon chairs, the Board agreed to hold off making any changes until we see how the new system will work.

Treasurer's Report—Emily reported for Enid Pearson that we have $64,127.84 in total assets. Passed (Smith, Gould) to file the report for audit. It was also noted that the report needs a category for House and Grounds. Emily will check with Enid on categories. Initial discussion held on idea for fund raising event similar to past wine tasting event.

Rentals--Lydia Pugliese reported A Very Special Arts Festival at Stanford has requested donation of supplies for 'Kids With a Dream" organization. Discussion was held around concern over future rental income based on recent economy downturn. Agreed to be mindful of this, note fixed expenses and adjust spending to rental income.

4.4.2001

House & Grounds—Emily reported for Margaret Feuer that she has purchased on sale ~~two~~ one new console tables. Discussion around refurbishing Bridal Room. Lydia noted need for work. Emily added one more 90-inch ivory tablecloth.

Membership—Passed (Small, McKee) to admit two new members: Gloria Brown, 1766 Fulton St., Palo Alto, CA 94303, tel: 326-5068 and Diana Diamond, 2512 Cowper St., Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 322-4787.

Sunshine — Boots Gould reported that she had no requests for help.

Philanthropy — Based on Ellen Smith's request, it was moved and passed (Smith, Gould) to authorize committee to spend additional $37 to bring donations to even $7,000.

2001-2002 Board Slate—The Nominating Committee submitted the following slate:
Co-presidents: Sarah French, Julie Jerome
1st vice president: Wanda Cavanaugh
2nd vice president: Emily Renzel
Treasurer: Anne Ercolani
Recording sec'y: Mary Hansen
Corresponding sec'y: Ella Vandervoort
Finance officer: Enid Pearson
Directors-1 year: Peggy McKee, Cherie Donald, Fran Titterton
Directors-2 years: Margaret Feuer, Sharon Small, Christine Shambora

Leaving the board will be Ellen Smith, Margaret Gould, Ninna Traugott, and Lydia Pugliese.

Because of the recommendation for two members to be co-presidents, a bylaws amendment to permit this arrangement and clarify board relationships is proposed and will be voted on at the March 21 meeting along with the vote on new officers.

Other business—
-Emily reported $768.00 payment received from John Dunec for the joint recorded property line survey.
-Agreed to defer Dorothy Arbuckle's suggestion for donation to earthquake relief in El Salvador or India for a month.
-Emily took board donations for a music box for long-time Music Chair Irene Lawrence who is moving to Florida. We will miss Irene and her piano music.
--Emily noted that recent Luncheon Chairs have expressed concern about the condition and working of the two coffeepots. Emily will check on replacements including costs, capacity and quality.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Cavanaugh

WOMAN'S CLUB
OF PALO ALTO

475 Homer Avenue
Palo Alto, California 94301

March 19, 2001

Mayor Eakins and Members of the Council:

The Palo Alto Woman's Club would like you to consider some concerns and suggestions that we have regarding the Residential Parking Permit System.

Our Club now has 150 members. When the building was built in 1916, we were on the edge of town and there were very few cars. Hence there are only two parking spaces associated with our building. In addition, there is a white loading zone in front on Homer and a handicapped space on Cowper.

A very big concern of ours was alleviated when weekend enforcement was removed from the program. Our building maintenance is funded with income from rentals for weddings and other events on weekends. Enforcing the permit system on weekends would have made these rentals very difficult, if not impossible.

Our membership activities are primarily concentrated on Tuesday evenings between 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. and on the first and third Wednesdays of the month between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. For most of these activities we do not know who will be attending until they arrive. To require members and guests to stop by the clubhouse, pick up a permit, go park, return to drop off the permit will require a lot of bothersome driving around the neighborhood.

We request that the City consider allowing our organization to purchase an annual sticker (with a bar code - or other identifying information) which would be good only on the Tuesday and Wednesday hours listed above. We would be willing to pay up to $10 each for these to cover specialized costs. Since enforcement personnel are going to have to check for permits anyway, it would seem simple to issue such a non-transferable limited time-frame permit sticker. Other club standing and ad hoc committees are more limited and $1 day permits will probably work fine for those.

The Club understands the neighborhood concern about parking and will support what the neighborhood wants, assuming we can get an annual sticker for members. But it does seem that the permit system will be pretty cumbersome for little gain if several hundred regular monthly parking permits are issued to commuters and if anyone can park for two hours without a permit. In addition, parking monitors will have to patrol hourly for unpermitted cars in order to have any impact.

Thank you for considering our input.

Sincerely,

Emily Renzel

Emily Renzel, President

1 ③ Join University South Neigh Group — We are in
French/Smith — 9 20 dues membership

④ $50 check to Loma Prieta District for support administration costs for district

⑤ Refer McKee, Smith to H & G Comm to investigate where/how to put in bike racks.

Agenda
Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
April 4, 2001

Call to Order

Minutes - Wanda Cavanaugh not (French, McKee) 11:06 and file - passed.

Treasurer's Report - Emily for Enid Pearson (Small Cavanaugh)

Membership - Sharon Small (Small French) 2 new 152 members — New member Nanetty Lisita - one yr membership

Rentals - Lydia Pugliese — Baker thanks you for ② for 2500 for Dec.
Jan - March not: -4970 - More City of PA rentals, Richard Powers $1500, and December $1000 (18800 - Ap. - Dec - projected) Ref. 3 new booked
House & Grounds - Margaret Feuer
Bride's Room begun -
abandon 4.4. mtg → – Office Plans are now avail - Est. $7,450 is within budget / elec. work will be added -
Dishwasher repair – thanks to Ella Cabinetry

Sunshine - Boots Gould no report

Philanthropy - Ellen Smith - $7000 — ① ② Music In the Schools EPA ② EPA Kids - Ravenswood teachers ③ Comm School for Music & Arts in Palo Alto

Other Business 9:00 - 2:00

*1 Loma Prieta District request for us to host convention Monday, November 12, 2001 or Saturday, March 11, 2002. Approximately 40-50 attendees. We provide building, coffee, and lunch (max charge $10). PAWC keeps profit from lunch.

table decorations Acctant C T Kawa[illegible] Report
65K in bank as of Feb 28
10 yrs - continuity
file for audit
Jerome Smith

Emily vol. to chair luncheon - Committee 11-2 for Anita McKee Comm vol. & Philanthropy Comm.

Emily
Peggy
Ellen
Julie
Sharon
Sarah
Wanda
Ella V

(Smith & McKee to present 3 mtgs.

instrument repair prog.

④ PA Arts Center prog for Childs

*2) Emily's letter to City Council re Residential Parking permits Residential Parking Permit System

⑤ Redwood City Library Foundation fund for storytelling for

Activities for Active Fund Raising

White Not within scope of Phil.
will have mtg to discuss
w/ others - ideas
yearly event
or Program comm.

Phil's ?

Earthquake Relief: discussion
Box at May mtg for Member donations
Anne @ April mtg & put in Newsletter
to determine what agency to work with

History Comm Smith reports
copies of bd ~~dict~~ Pictures in archives
with identification

12:00 Adjourned

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING—
Wednesday, April 4, 2001 11:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING—May 2, 2001 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Emily Renzel at 11:06 a.m.

Present: Emily Renzel, Sharon Small, Sarah French, Wanda Cavanaugh, Julie Jerome, Ellen Smith, Ella Vandervoort, Peggy McKee
Absent: Anne Ercolani, Enid Pearson, Ninna Traugott, Lydia Pugliese, Mary Hansen, Margaret Gould

Passed (French, McKee) to note and file the March minutes.

Treasurer's Report—Emily submitted for Enid Pearson the statement of assets, liabilities and fund balances from G.T. Kawaguchi, our CPA. It showed a $65,005.46 balance as of Feb. 28, 2001. Passed (Jerome, Smith) to file for audit. Ella noted that we have used him for about 10 years, providing the club with continuity.

Rentals—Emily reported for Lydia Pugliese that our April to December projected income ($18,800) includes additional rentals including City of Palo Alto rentals, Richard Powers' dance classes.

House & Grounds—Emily reported for Margaret Feuer that refurbishing of Bride's Room has begun. Office cabinetry plans were shown prior to the committee's afternoon meeting. The $7,450 estimate is within the budgeted amount. The dishwasher has been repaired thanks to help from Ella.

Membership—Passed (Small, French) to admit two new members: Joan Bruce, 1020 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 327-2971 and Marcia Rehmus, 46 Heather Drive, Atherton, CA 94027, tel: 322.5063.

Passed (Small, Cavanaugh) to provide Linda Bader with one-year free membership as thanks for her work in providing new member nametags for the club.

Sunshine — No requests for help were noted.

Philanthropy — Ellen Smith reported that committee proposed the $7000 approved for donations go to five organizations:
1. Music in the Schools, EPA
2. EPA Kids—Ravenswood
3. Community School for Music and the Arts, Mountain View
4. PA Arts Center program for children
5. Redwood City Library Foundation fund for storytelling for children

Passed (Smith, McKee) to accept the committee's proposal.

Other business— 5.2.2001

-Board concurred with Loma Prieta District request to host convention on Monday, November 12, 2001, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. PAWC will provide building, coffee, lunch (maximum charge of $10). The PAWC keeps profit from lunch. Emily volunteered to chair luncheon committee (serving from 11-2). Smith, McKee, Cavanaugh volunteered to help. Philanthropy Committee will also participate.

-Emily submitted a letter written to the City Council requesting considerations for the club within the Residential Parking Permit System.

-Agreed (French, Smith) to pay $20 membership dues to University South Neighborhood Group (the neighborhood in which the clubhouse is located).

-Discussed activities for active fund raising including an annual event. Agreed that while not within the scope of the Philanthropy Committee, they will discuss and Board will consider a possible program committee for the club.

-On Dorothy Arbuckle's suggestion for donation to earthquake relief in El Salvador or India, agreed to put box at May meeting for member donations with an announcement to alert members at the April meeting and in newsletter. Will work with Philanthropy Committee and others to determine agency to work with.

-Agreed (McKee, Smith) to provide $50 for Loma Prieta District toward support of district administration costs.

-Referred to House & Grounds Committee where/how to put in bike racks.

-Ellen reported for the History Committee that copies of board pictures with identification will be put in the archives.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Cavanaugh

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
MARCH 31, 2001

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
CA FED SCHOLAR FD #907-0008876	7,007.89	
WA MUTUAL BK #1072872-8	22,849.48	
COMERICA # 1891161018	12,302.54	
COMERICA #1891184358	24,368.55	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		66,528.46
TOTAL ASSETS		66,528.46

FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE	59,791.29	
CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT)	6,737.17	
FUND BALANCE		66,528.46
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		66,528.46

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

2001, April 4 Board Meeting

New Members

Joan Bruce, 1020 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 327-2971. For the past 3 years, Joan has been chair of the Horticultural Library at Gamble Gardens. As an elementary school teacher (in Menlo Park and Palo Alto) she traveled to New Zealand on a Fulbright and to England on two sabbaticals. Joan's hobbies are music, art and gardening.

Marcia Rehmus, 46 Heather Drive, Atherton, CA 94027, tel: 322-5063. Marcia has been an active community volunteer for many years. She is past president of Gamble Garden and its advisory board. She is a member of the Atherton Library Board, and Leadership Midpeninsula Alumni.

Agenda
Palo Alto Woman's Club Board
May 2, 2001 at 11 a.m.

Call to Order

Minutes of April 4, 2001

Treasurer's Report - Enid Pearson

Rentals - Lydia Pugliese

Membership - Sharon Small
Renewals - So far all but 35 have paid their dues. Second notice sent with the newsletter to those who haven't yet paid.

Philanthropy - Ellen Smith

Sunshine - Boots Gould

House & Grounds - Emily for Margaret Feuer

Other Business

Keys: Check them in with Sarah & Julie today

Board Meeting Time - Sarah French & Julie Jerome

Budget Development - Get your requests in to incoming Finance Officer - Enid

Convention - Anyone want to go?

Award from the LP District Convention

May evening meeting - transportation for older members?

PALO ALTO WOMAN'S CLUB BOARD MEETING—
Wednesday, May 2, 2001 11:00 a.m.

NEXT MEETING—June 6, 2001 11:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by Emily Renzel at 11:10 a.m.

Present: Emily Renzel, Sharon Small, Sarah French, Wanda Cavanaugh, Julie Jerome, Anne Ercolani, Enid Pearson, Ella Vandervoort, Lydia Pugliese, Mary Hansen, Margaret Gould plus Cherie Donald from next year's board.

Absent: Ninna Traugott, Ellen Smith, and Peggy McKee

Passed (Jerome, French) to note and file the April minutes.

Treasurer's Report—Enid Pearson distributed the statement of assets, liabilities and fund balances from G.T. Kawaguchi, our CPA. It showed a $66,528.46 balance as of March 31, 2001.

Rentals— Lydia Pugliese reported that the City of Palo Alto has rented for each of the Thursdays in May. Jan. to April earned income is $5570 with total projected from May-Dec. 2001 of $16,450. Margaret Feuer has volunteered to handle next year's rentals.

House & Grounds—Emily reported for Margaret Feuer that refurbishing of Bride's Room continues and progress is being made on cabinetry work for the Board Room.

Membership—Passed (Small, French) to admit three new members: Linda Bader, 219 Seale Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 323-6928, Nancy Peters, 1720 Webster Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 328-6962 and Sybil Pfluke, 221 Kingsley Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 321-6316. Also passed (Escolani, Small) to admit new member Betty Meltzer, 1241 Dana Avenue, Palo Alto: 327-7911. To date all but 30 members have paid their renewals. 145 = Total

Sunshine — No requests for help were noted.

Philanthropy — Emily reported for Ellen Smith that committee has completed letters to the following groups, awarding $1400 each:

1. Music in the Schools, EPA
2. EPA Kids—Ravenswood
3. Community School for Music and the Arts, Mountain View
4. PA Arts Center program for children
5. Redwood City Library Foundation fund for storytelling for children

Other business—
-Key exchanges were made with incoming Co-Presidents French and Jerome.

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-Passed (French, Pearson) to move the board meeting time for coming year from 11:00 to 5:00-6:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning with the June meeting.

-Note that May 16th meeting will be a dinner at 5:30 p.m. hosted by Boots Gould. Callers will check to see if any older members need rides for the evening.

- Emily reminded members to get budget requests in to incoming Finance Officer Enid Pearson. The Finance Committee will meet on May 11 at 10:30 to prepare the 2001-2002 year budget for review at the June board and presentation for approval at the June lunch meeting.

-Emily showed award from the Loma Prieta District Convention thanking us for support for the VSA.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m. for lunch supplied by Ella Vandervoort.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Cavanaugh

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
BALANCE SHEET
APRIL 30, 2001

ASSETS

CURRENT ASSETS		
CA FED SCHOLAR FD #907-0008876	7,007.89	
WA MUTUAL BK #1072872-8	22,849.48	
COMERICA # 1891161018	12,950.20	
COMERICA #1891184358	24,413.65	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		67,221.22
TOTAL ASSETS		67,221.22

FUND BALANCE

FUND BALANCE	59,791.29	
CURRENT EXCESS (DEFICIT)	7,429.93	
FUND BALANCE		67,221.22
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		67,221.22

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

WOMANS CLUB OF PALO ALTO
STATEMENT OF REVENUE, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES
FOR THE ELEVEN PERIODS ENDED APRIL 30, 2001

	PERIOD TO DATE			YEAR TO DATE		
	ACTUAL	CURR BUDGET	BUDGET VAR	ACTUAL	CURR BUDGET	BUDGET VAR
E						
MEMBERSHIP DUES & ASSESS.	4,000.00	.00	4,000.00	5,725.00	4,166.70	1,558.30
TIES/FUNDRAISING	220.00	.00	220.00	1,427.08	1,250.00	177.08
MENT INCOME-BLDG RENTAL	3,000.00	.00	3,000.00	49,899.20	35,000.00	14,899.20
NVESTMENT INCOME-INT EARNED	.00	.00	.00	170.49	833.30	(662.81)
OTHER REVENUE	.00	.00	.00	210.16	.00	210.16
INTEREST EARNED	45.10	.00	45.10	318.72	.00	318.72
TOTAL REVENUE	7,265.10	.00	7,265.10	57,750.65	41,250.00	16,500.65
PERATING EXPENSES						
GIFTS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS	.00	.00	.00	5,100.00	83.30	(5,016.70)
PROFESSIONAL/ACCOUNTANT	120.00	.00	(120.00)	1,320.00	1,200.00	(120.00)
GARDENING/YARD MAINTENANCE	.00	.00	.00	2,215.00	1,333.30	(881.70)
CUSTODIAN	550.00	.00	(550.00)	6,650.00	4,000.00	(2,650.00)
HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	326.89	.00	(326.89)	1,189.71	2,000.00	810.29
UTILITIES	287.32	.00	(287.32)	3,468.60	3,300.00	(168.60)
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	4,018.20	.00	(4,018.20)	6,642.93	2,400.00	(4,242.93)
TELEPHONE	248.08	.00	(248.08)	1,607.76	1,250.00	(357.76)
BUILDING COSTS	.00	.00	.00	.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
PROPERTY TAXES	.00	.00	.00	1,661.13	1,375.00	(286.13)
OFFICE & POSTAGE	166.88	.00	(166.88)	346.94	1,375.00	1,028.06
POSTAGE	.00	.00	.00	178.20	.00	(178.20)
YEARBOOK & NEWSLETTER	152.80	.00	(152.80)	1,648.31	708.30	(940.01)
ACTIVITIES EXP	96.42	.00	(96.42)	1,225.79	1,250.00	24.21
INSURANCE-BUILDING & GENERAL	.00	.00	.00	2,814.60	2,083.30	(731.30)
CHECK CHGS.	(14.25)	.00	14.25	116.75	20.80	(95.95)
CONVENTION MEETING EXPENSE	.00	.00	.00	.00	83.30	83.30
DUES-STATE & DISTRICT	70.00	.00	(70.00)	90.00	833.30	743.30
LICENSES & PERMITS	.00	.00	.00	145.00	183.30	38.30
MISCELLANEOUS	.00	.00	.00	.00	83.30	83.30
ADVERTISING	.00	.00	.00	925.00	541.70	(383.30)
REFUND OF SECURITY DEPOSITS	550.00	.00	(550.00)	12,975.00	5,833.30	(7,141.70)
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	6,572.34	.00	(6,572.34)	50,320.72	30,937.20	(19,383.52)
EXCESS OR (DEFICIT)	692.76	.00	692.76	7,429.93	10,312.80	(2,882.87)

SEE ACCOMPANYING NOTES AND ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT.

2001 Income Rentals

January		
	Corp. Party	750
	City of PA	250
	Castilleja	750
February		
	Sheehan Mem	350
	City of PA	250
	Iranian Women's	6 00
	Richard Powers	1320
March		
	Chabad event	750
	City of PA	250
	Gold Birthday	300
April		
	Wedding	1600
	Coaching	350
	City of PA	250
	Richard Powers	1500

EARNED INCOME Jan-April, 2001 5570

May		
	Wedding	1500
	Stanford Hert	250
	City of PA	1250
	Concert	250
June		
	Wedding	1500
July		
August		
	Wedding	1600
	Wedding	1500
September		
	Wedding	1500
	Wedding	1600
October		
	Workshop	3000
November		
December		
	Swedish Club	1000
	Corp Party	1500

Total projected 16,450
May - Dec. 2001

May Board Meeting 2001, New Members

Linda Bader, 219 Seale Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 323-6928. Linda has a custom invitation business in Palo Alto, Printables. She is a volunteer with Boy Scouts and in school, notably with yearbook production. Linda likes to play tennis and bike.

Nancy Peters, 1720 Webster St., Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 328-6962. Nancy is a psychotherapist who is chair of the extension division of Professional Org. She has served on the human relations commission of Palo Alto and is a member of Rotary. Nancy enjoys gardening and rowing.

Sybil Pfluke, 221 Kingsley Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 321-6316. Sybil is a homemaker who has volunteered with PTA, UMPA, PAST and Girl Scouts. Her interests include books, sports, gardening and travel.

Palo Alto Women's Club Board Attendance 2000-2001

Shiree ✓

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June
e/f										
Emily Renzel	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ella Vandervoort	✓	✓	A	A	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sharon Small	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Enid Pearson	A	A	✓	✓	A	✓	A	A	✓	A
Sarah French	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Wanda Cavanaugh	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Ninna Traugott	✓	A	✓	A	A	✓	A	A	A	
Peggy McKee	✓	A	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓	A	✓
Anne Ercolani	✓	A	✓	A	A	A	A	A	✓	✓
Julie Jerome	✓	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mary Hansen	✓	✓	A	A	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Lydia Pugliese	A	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	A
Ellen Smith	A	✓	✓	A	✓	✓	✓	✓	A	no longer here
'Boots' Gould Margaret Feuer	A	✓	A	A	✓	✓	✓	A	✓	✓
Margaret Feuer ex off	A	A	A	✓	A	A	A			✓
Dorothy ex off Arbuckle	A	A	A	A	A	A	A			A

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Note: Trudy Lung resigned before Sept. meeting.

✓ Jeanne McDonald Donnell, History Committee Chair, receives copy of minutes.

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The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

June 2000 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

President's Message

Our June 21 meeting will begin our summer hiatus. Two important items of business will be before us. First we must pass our $60,000+ budget. Second, we will vote on conferring Honorary Membership to Trudy Lung, a most deserving recipient. Trudy's steady willingness to help and her cheerful friendliness have played a major role in the renaissance of the Woman's Club. Please join us to honor Trudy.

For the June program, Tom Wyman will be bringing his collection of historic tiles and speaking on architect Birge Clark's use of tile as an architectural element in Palo Alto homes. It should be a most interesting program.

During the summer the Program Committee will be deciding next year's programs and we will be putting together the 2000-2001 Yearbook. If you have ideas for programs, please let us know. And, RIGHT NOW, check the 1999-2000 Yearbook to see if all the information we have for you is correct. Please call me (321-4165) if you have any changes. Pretty please.....

I hope to see you at the June 21 lunch.

Emily

Have a nice summer!

....from the

Sunshine Lady

We are sorry to hear that there have been two deaths this month. Gladys May, who was an honorary member, died on May 22nd and Kristine Fitzhugh, who joined early this year, died on May 5th.

Trudy Lung

WE STILL NEED AN EDITOR FOR NEXT YEAR - CALL EMILY 321-4165

Wednesday, June 21

Tom Wyman
will show slides and speak on

Birge Clark's Use of Tiles in his Palo Alto Buildings

Many of Palo Alto's most treasured architectural landmarks were designed by native son Birge Clark. His work in the early California style featured inviting arcades, red-tiled roofs, intricate wrought iron, and often decorative ceramic tiles.

Local resident Tom Wyman will speak on Birge Clark's use of tiles in some of the 450 buildings he designed in Palo Alto. Tom will also display his own outstanding collection of these special California tiles.

11:45 Member and guest sign-in
12:00 President's Welcome/Lunch
12:30 Program
1:00 Dessert and conversation

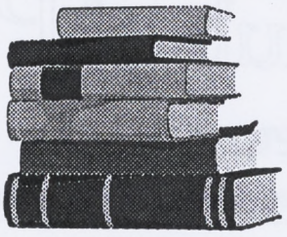
Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

HOSTED BY JOAN BRENNAN

Look Inside!

Book Club, History Corner, Philanthropy Club and more

Book Group



Book Group meets on the fourth Tuesday. Next meeting, June 27, at 7:30 p.m. Discussion topic: Betty Friedan's, Feminine Mystique, the fifth and last in our series of books by women that have had a defining influence on American culture.

A headline in the Wall Street Journal of May 9 caught my attention: *Among Poor Villagers, Female Infanticide Still Flourishes in India.* The article claims that women in cities often abort girl fetuses. In the countryside, they pay the midwife to kill newborn girls. This has led to certain pockets in the nation where the ratio of female to male is 600 to 1000.I wonder if we should remind ourselves from time to time of what we owe earlier generations of women in this nation, and maybe also ask ourselves if we are wise to forget the status of women worldwide. Possibly we are less insulated from the rest of the world than we would like to believe.

The Feminine Mystique, published in 1963, was a seminal book in making the lives of women in this nation less cloistered, more part of the economic mainstream. California would not be represented by two women senators, a woman would not be CEO of a major corporation now, without the activism of people like Betty Friedan. I hope you will read the book and join our discussion.

One person opens each meeting with biographical information about the author.. We welcome new members to the Book Group anytime. Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101.

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Autumn List/Books with an International Perspective

Each spring, the coordinators of the Book Group prepare the book list for our fall series so that those of us who have more time to read during the summer can get a head start.

We decided that since all our books in the spring were by United States authors, we would diversify by going abroad and by returning to all fiction. We recommend taking notes if you read long in advance to refresh your memory for the discussion.

Here is the list in the order we will read them.

Ireland: Edna O'Brien:
House of Splendid Isolation
Germany: Ursula Hegi:
Stones from the River
Australia: Christina Stead:
The Man Who Loved Children
India: Arundhati Roy:
God of Small Things
Japan: Sawako Ariyoshi:
The Doctor's Wife

Jeanne McDonnell

History Corner

The Committee

We thought this would be a good time to brag about ourselves, your illustrious history committee. We first assembled in October 1997.to talk over potential projects, and decided then to focus on transcribing minutes that our club ancestors had the foresight to preserve.

This endeavor is like constructing a city's infrastructure or the foundation of a building.We have more than 400 pages of computer entry so far, copying from leather-bound ledgers that are elegant artifacts but a challenge to read. We summarize each year in a standard format to facilitate searches for people, subjects, or trends.

Club records from 1894 through 1920 are accessible to researchers at the archives of the California Historical Society and UC Santa Cruz, and they can access originals through us on request. The Palo Alto Historical Association has summaries only. I predict that in five years or so, our Club will start to show up in history books as an example of women's influence on this nation.

Now we are transcribing the 1920s and '30s, and another infrastructure item we are still working on is inventory. We are systematically cataloging our collection and protecting it in archival acid-free folders and boxes.

For our National Register of Historic Places application that is in progress, we researched our distinguished architect, Charles E. Hodges. We created an exhibit about the club in the display case of the Main Library and once sponsored the National Women's History Month lunch program. Annually, we prepare a budget. Monthly we meet and write this History Corner article.

We take field trips. One was a park tour, of which two in College Terrace are named for families of prominent members of the early club, Weisshaar and Parkinson. We also snooped around Eleanor Pardee Park. Emily Eliot Pardee Karns Dixon, twice club president, donated it to the city of Palo Alto. We found remnants of the foundation of the old house she left with funds for its maintenance. We plan never to forgive the city for tearing it down in the 1970s. We detected a sweep of carriage-way to the front entrance, and we found a historic plaque.

When we donated transcriptions to the California Historical Society in San Francisco, we saw their exhibit about Californians of Japanese descent. This honor to them helped infinitesimally to alleviate our sorrow that a member in the early 1900s wanted the club to recommend excluding Japanese from town. Fortunately her motion failed, but it is good to remind ourselves that we made mistakes. We visited our neighbor, the Museum of American Heritage, where the librarian explained her work.

We plan within a year to place a bronze plaque on the clubhouse or grounds. Other ideas we like but have put off for lack of womanpower are developing a website, doing oral histories of club elders, writing a history of the club. We would like to gather more background information on issues mentioned in the minutes, though occasionally we do this at our meetings when we discuss our own knowledge of the history of events that swirled around women's attitudes and decisions we read of in the minutes.

Jeanne McDonnell

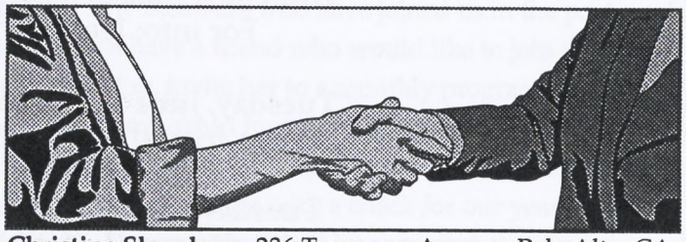
WC history committee, left to right: Joan Holland, Carol Murden, Elaine Meyer, Peggy McKee, Jeanne McDonnell, in club boardroom. Ex officio historians, Dorothy Arbuckle and Boots Gould, not present.

2000-2001 Budget

At our June meeting we will consider and hopefully approve the budget for next year. A summary appears below. A detailed budget will be available at the meeting.

Carryover from prior year	**11,204**
Receipts	
Luncheon revenue	1,200
Interest Income	1,800
Dues	5,500
Rental Income	46,800
TOTAL	**55,300**
Expenses	
Activities	2,532
Yearbook/Newsletter	1,000
History Committee	1,700
Federation Dues	1,661
Office/Postage/Bank/Accounting	3,000
Telephone/Utilities	5,000
Taxes/Fees/Insurance	4,850
Building Maintenance /Improvements	23,924
Rental Deposit refunds	12,000
Rental Ads	1,300
Memorial Donations /Philanthropy	5,300
Miscellaneous/Convention	200
TOTAL	**62,303**
Excess Receipts/Expenditures	**-7003**
Carryover to next year	**4,201**

New Member Welcome



Christine Shambora, 236 Tennyson Avenue, Palo Alto, CA, 94301 (tel:325-8330). Christine is a community volunteer and recently served as PTA Council President and on the board for MPAC. She is also a member of Association for Senior Day Health. Christine's interests include reading, hiking, traveling and investing.

Kathy Torgersen, 273 Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel:321-0722). Kathy has been a volunteer in Albania with the International Rescue Committee and a past president of the Palo Alto Endowment Fund, Palo Alto Foundation for Education. She is a member of the League of Women Voters, ASDH, and the Democratic Central Committee.

Club Grants to be Made at June Meeting

Ellen Smith, Chair, will personnally present $1000 grants to each of the following organizations at our June luncheon meeting:

Music in the Schools
YWCA of the Mid-Peninsula
Hidden Villa
Redwood City Library Foundation
Foundation for a College Education

We look forward to meeting representatives of these worthwhile local organizations.

Other News. The Board also recently approved a $200 donation to a Federation program, Disabled Sports at the request of our outgoing District President Veva Wheaton. Veva requested that we make that donation in lieu of honorariums to her for installing our board for the last four years. Thank you Veva, for doing such a nice job on our installations and for supporting this special program.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, June 8 - History Committee at 7:30 pm
For info: Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260

Tuesday, June 13 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Emily Renzel 321-4165

Tuesday, June 20 - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
with dinner; For info: Sharon Small, 326-7408

Wednesday, June 21 - PROGRAM MEETING AT NOON
Birge Clark's Use of Tile in Palo Alto by Tom Wyman
Budget Approval/Grants/Honorary Membership

Tuesday, June 27 - Book Club at 7:30 pm
The Feminine Mystique by Betty Friedan; Call Susan Kazul 565-9101

Summer Vacation - See you in September !

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
475 Homer Avenue
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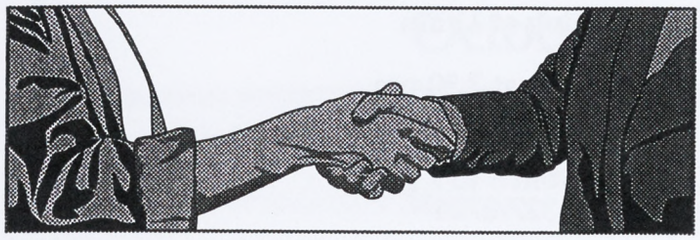
New Member Welcome



Betty Carpenter, 2485 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 327-8043). Betty has worked as a YMCA fitness coordinator for the City of Palo Alto Recreation, and as the senior coordinator on the board of ASDH. She enjoys reading, hiking, and plays.

Cathy Dolton, 1570 Dana Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303 (tel: 321-5950). Cathy is retired from her position as academic assistant in International Studies and Humanities Special Programs at Stanford. She is a volunteer at the P.A. Art Center, and EPA Project Read. She enjoys literature, wildflowers, and travel.

Nancy Fiene, #1 Bayberry, Portola Valley, CA 94028 (tel: 851-9585). Nancy has just retired from teaching classical piano. She has volunteered with the League of Women Voters and PAUSD committees. She is currently on the board of the Gamble Garden Center. The architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright and the history of PA are interests of hers.

Pria Graves, 2130 Yale Street, Palo Alto, CA 94306 (tel: 493-2153). Pria is the current president of PAST Heritage, and a board member of Juana Briones Heritage Foundation. She is a retired software engineer and her interests include gardening, particularly historic garden preservation. She is also a member of the English Speaking Union.

Chris Kenrick, 528 Tennyson Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 327-6151). Chris is a former editorial page editor of the Palo Alto Weekly. Chris enjoys travel, reading, and piano. She is a member of the University Club where she plays doubles tennis.

Lydia Morse, 308 Lincoln Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 321-5569). Lydia is retired from her position as secretary business manager of PAUSD. She has been a tutor for Project Read, and is a member of Gamble Garden Center and the Museum of American Heritage. She has been involved in local politics and enjoys travel.

Christina Pahl, 2174 Waverley Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 462-9309). Christina is an art consultant and had a design-studio art business for 5 years. She is a member of the University Club, SECA, and San Francisco Art Museum. She is interested in investments, health fitness and French.

Judith Steiner, 508 Churchill Aveune, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (tel: 321-1024). Judith is the executive director at Hidden Villa. She has served on the boards of MCFH, LWVPA and East Palo Alto Kids Foundation. Her interests include travel and community concerns.

The Woman's Club Palo Alto Membership

At our September luncheon we will formally welcome 33 new members who have joined us in the past year. If you have a friend who would like to join the Woman's Club, invite her to a monthly program meeting. Look for membership forms at the sign-in table, or on the coffee table in the foyer. The completed form should be mailed to the clubhouse with a check for our yearly dues of $50.00. New members will be approved at the next board meeting, and mailed a letter of welcome. The process takes about a month.

If you have any questions, or would like to have membership forms mailed to friends, please call me at 326-7408 or email me at shsmall@earthlink.net

Sharon Small, Membership Chair

Hostesses for the Tuesday socials:

Sept. 12,	Kay Lamm
Oct. 10,	Gwenn Barry
Nov. 14,	Susie Richardson
Dec. 12,	Arline Dehlinger
Jan. 9,	Arline Dehlinger

A page from the Club's collection of sheet music. See History corner, page 2.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, September 6 - Board Meeting at 11 am

Thursday, September 7 - History Committee at 7:30 pm
for info: Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260

Tuesday, September 12 - Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Kay Lamm, 327-2724

Wednesday, September 20 - Program Meeting at Noon
Welcome to the New Members!
Don Creswell, Jazz Pianist

Tuesday, September 19 - Investment Club at 6:30 pm
For info: Sharon Small, 326-7408

Tuesday, September 26 - Book Group at 7:30 pm
call Susan Kazul, 565-9101

Wednesday, October 4 - Board Meeting at 11 am

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
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The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

October 2000 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Arline Dehlinger

President's Message

Our new year started out with a great luncheon on one of the hottest days of the year. It was exciting to have so many new members to welcome. The enormous community contribution made by our members both old and new is truly awesome. Our new members include a computer systems engineer, a travel consultant, a former research group manager and teacher, a fitness coordinator, an International Affairs Academic Assistant, a pianist & teacher, a classical piano teacher, a software engineer, a social worker, a history teacher, an editorial page editor, a nurse, an Industrial Economist, a chiropracter, an accountant, and several entrepreneurs.

New member volunteer activities benefit the following organizations: Reach to Recovery, Uproar, Filoli, Senior Day Health, Native Plant Society, Palo Alto Art Center, Music Teachers Association, Gamble Garden Center, Cantor Art Center, AAUW, PAST Heritage, Juana Briones Heritage Foundation, PAUSD school improvement, Palo Alto Mediation Task Force, Theatreworks, Goodwill, Rotary, Adolescent Counseling Services, Project Read, San Francisco Art Museum, Stanford Historical Society, YMCA, Women's Heritage Museum, PTA Council, MPAC, League of Women Voters, Hidden Villa, Midpeninsula Citizens for Fair Housing, East Palo Alto Kids Foundation, International Rescue Committee, Palo Alto Endowment Fund, and many other worthwhile organizations. And I haven't even mentioned the rest of our membership's activities !

Jeanne McDonnell's History Corner speaks to the various iterations of the feminist movement. The wide range of occupations and volunteer interests of our new members are certainly evidence that we've come a long way, baby.

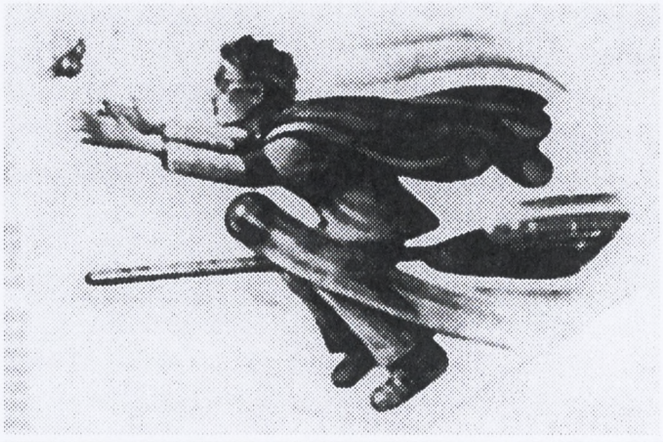
I will be away for the October meeting and am so sorry to miss the presentation on the phenomenal success of the Harry Potter books among both children and adults. But I hope you will be there.

Emily

Wednesday, October 18

What's All The Fuss About Harry Potter?

by Dennis Ronberg
of Linden Tree Books



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Look Inside!

History Corner, New Members, Book Club and more!

Book Group

Tuesday, October 24,
Book Group meets at 7:30 p.m., new members welcome, call Susan Kazul, 565 9101.

The second book in our fall series of international writers is by Ursula Hegi, who we mistakenly thought was German because the book we are reading, *Stones from the River*, is about a small town in Germany. She moved from Germany to this country when she was 18, attended the University of New Hampshire, and now lives near Spokane, Washington.

Several reviewers called the book epic, and that really seems like the right word. Not many authors would take on making a dwarf their main character, and then place her in Germany during World War II.

By making the hero, Trudi, the town librarian and gossip, Hegi chronicles several generations of residents. As one critic said, the reader's sympathy for Trudi highlights "the true grotesqueness of Nazi Germany." And it shows the power of the narrative, written and spoken, librarian and gossip, to shape events.

By coincidence, I happened to visit Spokane this summer, a town with a beautiful river running through it, and thought that Hegi's choosing to live there seemed a return to her youth,. The river is like another character in the story.

Each time we meet, one of us does extra research to lead the discussion. Mary Carlstead is doing that for *Stones from the River*.

Jeanne McDonnell

History Committee

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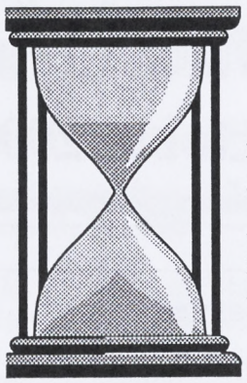


History Corner

I always have to remind myself to write Wo*man*'s Club, even though it sounds funny. Anne Ercolani asked me why it wasn't Wo*men*'s, the way we would normally say it.

Historian Nancy Cott wrote in her book, *The Grounding of Modern Feminism*, that 19th century women's consistent use of the singular symbolized the unity of the female sex. She said that when the word feminism came into use at the height of the suffrage campaign, "woman movement" started to sound archaic.

I think that "woman's sphere" had a lot to do with it, a common 19th century phrase. It meant that there was only one place and one job for women, and that was staying home and keeping house. It did grate on some women's nerves to have all women, whatever their interests, capabilities, or circumstances, be assigned to one place in life and be told that nature had made it so. They noticed that having their world fold in on itself left everything else for men to claim as their exclusive domain.

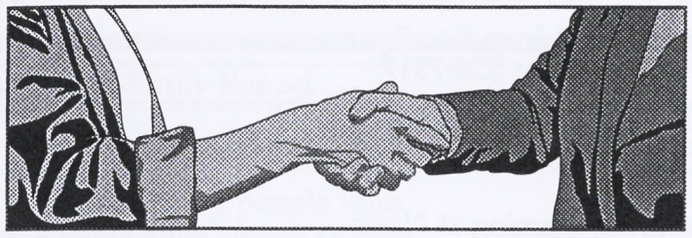
The woman's sphere idea took away women's individuality, and similarly, marriage took away their identity. Laws stipulated that the two in marriage are one, and that one is the husband.

As the twentieth century approached, feminists were predicting that it would be the Woman's Century. They soon realized that wasn't happening, and woman in the singular was going out of style. The new words to describe their search for improvements changed to women's rights.

We can take pride in our Palo Alto Woman's Club because it expresses our nineteenth century origins, founded 1893. In a popular phrase of recent times, we are survivors.

Jeanne McDonnell

New Member Welcome



We formally welcomed our new members at the September luncheon. Each new member who attended received a rose, which is the symbol of the Woman's Club. If you have a friend who would like to become a member, invite her to a monthly program meeting. Look for membership forms at the sign-in table, or on the coffee table in the foyer. The completed form should be mailed to the clubhouse with a check for our yearly dues of $50.00.

New members will be approved at the next board meeting, and mailed a letter of welcome. The process takes about a month.

If you have any questions, or would like to have membership forms mailed to friends, please call me at 326-7408 or email me at shsmall@earthlink.net.

Sharon Small

Welcome New Members

Stacey Archbell
Mary Carlstead
Cathy Dolton
Connie Fasani
Barbara Foster
Carlota Gwosden
Miriam Jacob
Chris Kenrick
Iris Korol
Joan MacKenzie
Linh Nguyen
Sandra Pearson
Freyda Ravitz
Christine Shambora
Autumn Stanley
Frances Titterton
Veva Wheaton
Elizabeth Browne
Betty Carpenter
Maureen M. Draper
Nancy Fiene
Pria Graves
Ellie Heister
Nanci Kauffman
Jennifer Kleckner
Barbara Martin
Lydia Morse
Christina Pahl
Helene Pier
Karen Recht
Lucile Spurlock
Judith Steiner
Kathy Torgersen

Sunshine News

Peggy McKee Appointed to Board

Last month Trudy Lung moved to Sonoma to be near her daughter. The Board accepted her resignation with a mixture of loss for us and good thoughts for Trudy in her new adventures in another community. In accordance with the Bylaws, the Board appointed Peggy McKee to fill out Trudy's unexpired term.

Peggy currently serves on the Club's History Committee and the Evening Social Committee. She has been a long time Palo Altan and teaches at Castilleja School. Peggy will bring the Board a lot of the same cheerfulness and can-do attitude to which we have grown accustomed to during Trudy's long service on the Board.

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Philanthropy Committee

We will be gearing up soon to determine our grants for this year. Any members interested in serving on our committee, please contact Ellen Smith, 1489 Dana Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301 (326-0753) or email: ellen_f_smith@email.msn.com. Be thinking about organizations you would like the Woman's Club to support. The following principles govern the committee's decisions:

1. We will make donations to organizations directly.
2. Donations will be to organizations, not to individuals.
3. We will consider only organizations suggested by Club members.
4. We have a focus on women and children, although we will not limit ourselves to organizations strictly serving them.
5. We will support organizations throughout our membership area, and try to be of service where there is serious need.
6. We will support organizations with a direct service or program.
7. The maximum grant we will make to any one organization will be 20% of the funds available.

Committee decisions on donations will be made by April and presented to the Board in May for approval. Checks will be mailed in June.

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Bring a friend!!! For info: Gwen Barry, 326-7317

Thursday, October 12 - History Committee at 8:00 pm
for info: Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260

Wednesday, October 18 - Program Meeting at Noon
What's all the fuss about Harry Potter?
Dennis Ronberg, Linden Tree Books

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For info: Sharon Small, 326-7408

Tuesday, October 24 - Book Group at 7:30 pm
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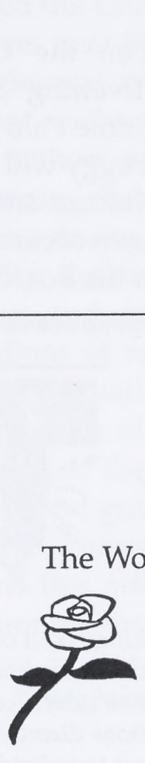

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

November 2000 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

There are many people who work behind the scenes to keep the Palo Alto Woman's Club up and running.

At this Thanksgiving Season two people who deserve special thanks from us are Enid Pearson, our Treasurer and Tom Salabert who keeps our building clean, functional, and beautiful.

As Treasurer Enid receives, logs, and deposits all income from dues, rentals, luncheons, etc. She also pays all the bills and keeps track of all the invoices. For those of you who have not yet served as a Treasurer, this is a LOT of detail work. Enid also forwards a record of our transactions to our accountant for each monthly report to the Board and works with the Auditor twice a year to review our bookkeeping. Thank you, Enid, for helping with these important tasks.

Tom Salabert is an unsung hero of the Woman's Club. Every time we rent out the Clubhouse, Tom reliably makes sure that it is in readiness and puts it into readiness again afterwards. When a light switch or light bulb fails, Tom replaces it. Tom purchases all the supplies for the kitchen and bathrooms and keeps everything ship-shape. He sets up for our monthly luncheon and cleans up afterwards. We are fortunate to have such a responsible person helping us with this most important work. Special thanks to you, Tom, for all your help.

If you have a rare book, or think you do, be ready with your questions for Faith Bell who will speak on rare books at our November luncheon. It should be a rare treat.

Emily

Wednesday, November 15

Program

Rare Books

with Faith Bell of Bell's Books

11:45 **Member and guest sign-in, buffet lunch**

12:30 **President's Welcome and Program**

1:15 **Adjourn**

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

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Book Group

Book Group next meeting
Tuesday, November 28, 7:30 p.m.
Call Susan Kazul, 565 9109

Christina Stead, *The Man Who Loved Children*

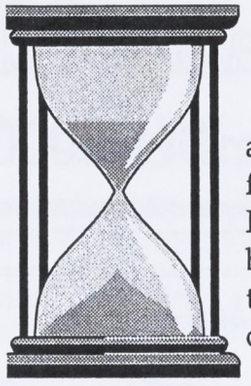
This will be the third author in our international series. Each of them so far got perspective on her home country by leaving it. Edna O'Brien left Ireland for England. Ursula Hegi left Germany and resides in Spokane. The author we are reading for November, Christina Stead, (1902 – 1983) left Australia when she was 26 to live in London, Paris, New York, and Hollywood. She returned in her elder years to Australia as a university Fellow in Creative Arts.

The Man Who Loved Children is an amazing book. An internet biographer wrote that it is minutely autobiographical. Even the father's occupation and the family history are the same. It is a remarkable story of child abuse in the very complex ways of real life. The girl child, Lou, who is not yet 12 at the beginning of the book, is the general servant and childcare worker of the household. Her stepmother, whose room is overflowing with trinkets and who spends entire days shopping, says she can't afford to replace Lou's faded, dirty dress this year, though she also says her boy children need new suits every three months.

Stead said of her work that "the delicacy of literature does not exist for me, only the passion, energy and struggle, the night of which no one speaks..." This book feels to me like some of the world's great literature.

Emily Renzel will be the discussion leader and Mary Hansen will bring refreshments.

Jeanne McDonnell



History Corner

"Thank you so much for the amazing collection of minutes from the Woman's Club of Palo Alto! I am very impressed by the orderly and complete transcriptions of so many years of club activity..."

That is the opening of a letter from the History Center at the General Federation of Women's Clubs in Washington D.C. We got a similar letter from the director of the archives at UC Santa Cruz, who sent us a photograph (shown page 3) of our minutes bound in red buckram.

We on the history committee have invested hundreds of hours transcribing those minutes, and we are less than half way through, but Joan Holland deserves the most credit of all. She keeps us on track, makes us do them over if she finds mistakes, has us work in the same font and format, copies them, and assures their delivery to various archives.

But as essential as all those organizational tasks are, Joan's greatest contribution are her summaries of each year. She writes one page with the same categories for every year, so that a researcher can find out where to look for what they want without wading through all the meeting formulas of "president presidings" and "moved and secondeds."

Historians who are interested in how this club, which was typical of many, was affecting the

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History Committee

History Committee next meeting
November 16 at 7:30 p.m.
call Jeanne McDonnell 321 5260

History Corner

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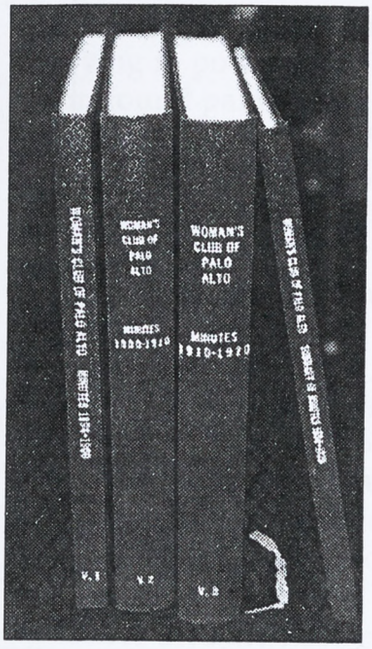
local, state, and national scene in 1905 will find eleven items on the summary under Action/Events for that year. Examples are: national, "Political Equality Day;" state, "Supported Women Physicians in State Hospitals and Trade School in Palo Alto;" and local, "Books Given to the Library."



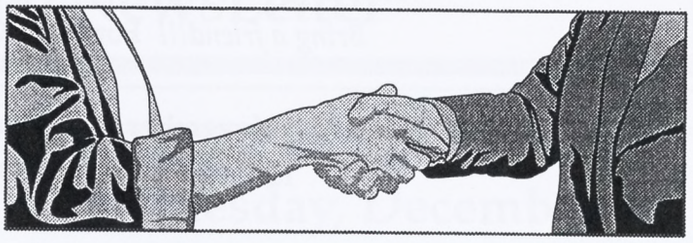
We on the history committee are grateful to our ancestors in the Club who responsibly preserved these records. We hope that any members now who have photographs, minutes, newspaper articles, scrapbooks, pre-1990s newsletters, or other memorabilia of the club from years past will donate them to us. We are continuing the tradition.

Jeanne McDonnell

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 24th of each month. Please email your articles to Carol Hubenthal at chuben@sirius.com or mail to Carol at 1228 Byron Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. *(The address printed in this year's yearbook is incorrect.)*

New Member Welcome



Karen White, 146 Walter Hays Drive, Palo Alto, CA 94303, tel: 494-7026.

Karen is a paralegal, currently serving on the executive board of the PTA Council as director, juvenile protection. She also serves on the boards of Family YMCA, and Palo Alto Foundation for Education. Karen enjoys quilting, jogging and civic issues.

HOW TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Attend a program meeting at noon.

Pick up an application card at the sign-in table.

Hand-in or mail the application card to the clubhouse with check for yearly dues of $50.00.

Request application card be mailed to friend.

Call me at 326-7408 or email me at shsmall@earthlink.net

Sharon Small

Christmas Tree Lane House Tour

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The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
475 Homer Avenue

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

December 2000 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

Aren't you glad that at least the Woman's Club has a President???? As I sit here trying to pound out a few profound paragraphs for you, I'm thinking it should be a piece of cake compared to what Bush and Gore want so badly to do for our nation. But, just the same, I don't want to bore you.

We now have 140 members in our club and most of you have joined in the last three years. This, of course, means that you don't know all of the mysteries and secrets of the Woman's Club. As your President, I feel it's my responsibility to reveal to you that you can find out the answers to all your questions if you 1) Read your Newsletter faithfully and 2) Use your Yearbook.

We actually have committees, chairs, activities, and even a set of bylaws that spell out how we must do our business. You can find out where the power centers are by just a few minutes of reading.

We don't ask a whole lot of our members, which is why, I'm sure, we've become such a force. We do, however, ask each member to participate in or contribute to one luncheon committee each year. The assignments are random, so we get to meet other members by getting down and dirty with them in the kitchen. Our luncheon chairs work hard, so please support them.

The Evening Social and Book Club are open to all and we welcome your participa-

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Wednesday, December 13

The Madrigals

from Palo alto High School
conducted by Kathy Fujikawa

11:45 Member and guest sign-in, buffet lunch
12:30 President's Welcome and Program
1:15 Adjourn

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

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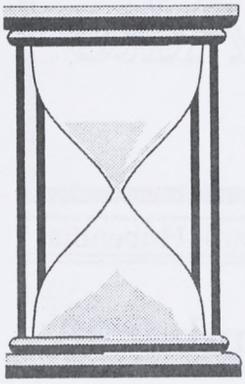

History Corner

I happened to be transcribing Club minutes of December 1930 when I wrote this. I wanted to do the minutes in the leather-bound book dated 1927 to1933 because I collect information about 1931, the year I was born. I call myself a Depression kid.

The handwritten minutes list monthly expenses. December included usual items, like purchase of furnishings, maintenance, and repair of the clubhouse, phone and utilities, and party supplies like flowers and cookies.

Additionally in December, the Club paid for a Verterans' Christmas party and magazine subscriptions for them, and planned an entertainment to benefit the unemployed. After bills of $218.92 were paid, there was $14.61 in the treasury.

January minutes report that profit from the benefit provided $30 for the City Unemployment Fund and $25 to the Palo Alto Benevolence Association. One hundred and thirty men in Ward 16 at the Veterans' Hospital were treated to refreshments and an "interesting program."

In transcribing minutes of the later 1930s, Peggy McKee hints that difficult economic times affected club members who seem to have resigned when they couldn't afford the dues and bills set aside for delayed payment.

Our discussions are often about how the history of the nation comes through in these minutes. The organization started as a Mothers Club in 1893, at a time when women were harangued about how their only "sphere" of life was to be wife and mother and that the feminine role demanded that they forego other aspirations.

By 1894, they realized that they had to work at getting better schools and a healthy environment for themselves and their families. So in the early years, the members originated many projects and promoted their being taken over by the city, like the library.

Non profit organizations were founded that specialized in other services that the Club provided first. Many monthly programs educated members about government and civic responsibility, which the League of Women Voters founded in 1920 took as its focus. Teachers were grateful for the Club's aid to schools, and requested regular meetings with the club well before the Parent Teachers Association developed nationally.

The history committee learns from the minutes that the Club adapts to the times. It will be interesting to interpret what the present renaissance of the Club tells us about our world now.

—Jeanne McDonnell

President's message

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tion. Both these activities are a good way to meet other members convivially. For reasons of practicality, the Investment Club is limited to 15 members. From time to time, openings occur, so don't hesitate to inquire if you are interested. The Philanthropy and History Committees welcome volunteers for their important work.

Over 60 members and guests attended our November meeting, setting a new record. The Palo Alto High School Madrigals will perform for us at our December 13th meeting. They are a very talented group and will add a festive touch to our luncheon. See you then.

Happy Holidays!

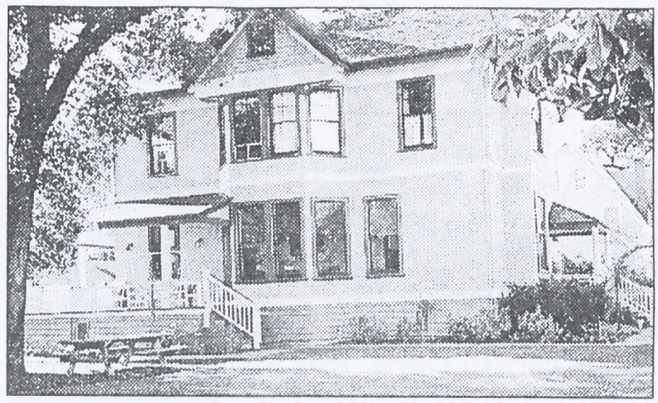
Emily

History Committee

History Committee next meeting
Wednesday, December 27 at 11:00 a.m.
Call Jeanne McDonnell 321 5260

Field Trip and Lunch

The History Committee takes a field trip every December. We'll meet at the Club and go around to view from the outside houses designed by the architect of our club building, Charles E. Hodges. (See photo.) Shulamith Rubenfien's daughter lives in a Hodges house on Cowper. We'll discuss committee business over lunch at MacArthur Park, a building designed by Julia Morgan. Call Jeanne McDonnell 321 5260. New members welcome.



This house at 1146 Waverley was designed by Charles E. Hodges in 1893 for two Stanford professors, Albert W. Smith and Mary Roberts Smith

Book Group

Book Group next meeting
Monday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.
Call Susan Kazul, 565 9109
New members welcome

God of Small Things

by Arundhati Roy,

For me, a crucial paragraph in this book was about Great Stories, that no matter how often you hear them, you want to hear them again. The point isn't that they will surprise you with the unforeseen. Listening to Great Stories is like living. You live and you listen as if you don't know the ending.

The God of Small Things is full of funny incidents about children trying to make sense of the world, but the reader knows that something terrible is going to happen, they will be part of it, and it will drastically change their lives.

The author is the daughter of Mary Roy, whose court case changed inheritance laws that discriminated against women. How unfair those laws must have been explains how the son in the book, Chacko, can take his mother's profitable business away from her and can expel his sister from the parental home, separate her from her children, and refuse to take her back when she is dying.

Arundhati Roy is the fourth author in our autumn series of international books, but the first who did not get her perspective by moving away from her home country, India. Before she wrote this book, she was trained in architecture and wrote screen scripts.

Her country has not accepted her strong opinions without objection. She has been the target of several lawsuits. One of them was connected to her work with the Friends of the River Narmada, an organization that argued against a huge water project that would involve resettlement and "rehabilitation" of persons displaced by a dam. A river that gets changed by water managers in God of Small Things is an important presence in the book.

Mary Hansen will be the discussion leader, Sue Beaver will bring refreshments.

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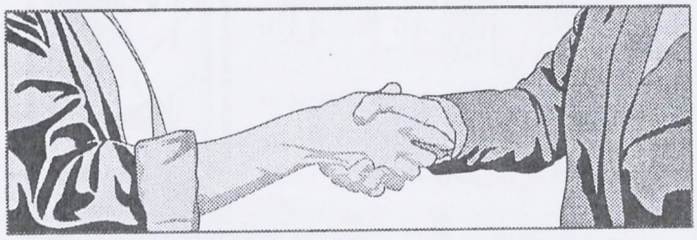

Patricia Parrish Davis, 1861 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel:321-2120.

Patricia is currently serving as president of Gamble Garden 2000. She is a member of Allied Arts, ASDH, and a boardmember of the Garden Club of Palo Alto. Her interests include ballet, books and the stock market.

Pauline Parker, 430 Kingsley Avenue, Palo Alto, Ca 94301, tel: 327-0657.

Pauline is a student who is a member of the Palo Alto Tennis Club and the League of Women Voters. She volunteers at the Health Library and enjoys bicycling and swimming.

Bunny Petersen, 1655 Middlefield Road, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 328-6297.

Bunny is a medical business owner and the membership chair of the Garden Club of Palo Alto. She is a past PTA president, and alumnae president, Woodside-Atherton Allied Arts Guild. Books, investment, bridge and theatre are favorite pastimes of Bunny.

Kathryn E. Schmidt, 833 Lincoln Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 327-8356.

Kathryn is an architect working as a non-profit housing developer. She has served on the Palo Alto Planning Commission and the Redwood City Child Development Program. Kathryn enjoys travel, food and fitness.

VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR NAMETAGS FOR NEW MEMBERS

The Woman's Club needs a volunteer to make nametags for its new members. Kimberly Reis-Snelgrove was our nametag maker. This year she moved to Florida. If you can help, please call me at 326-7408 or email me atshsmall@earthlink.net.

Philanthropy Committee

The committee's next meeting will be January 18, at 5 p.m. at the Clubhouse.

We are ready to begin nominating programs and agencies to which we will make donations in the spring, and we invite members to suggest groups that they would like us to support. We have a particular interest in education, libraries, and programs that serve women and children. We anticipate giving 5 or 6 grants of about $1,000 apiece.

Send your suggestions to committee chair Ellen Smith at 1469 Dana Ave, Palo Alto 94301 or ellen_f_smith@email.msn.com

Bring a Gift

Again this year the Holiday luncheon on December 13 will feature a basket in which members can give individual donations and/or grocery gift certificates to support the Midpeninsula Support Network for Battered Women in Mountain View. Last year we collected $ 500 . This valuable program helps women escape from domestic violence and build new lives for themselves and their children.

To participate in our own fun gift exchange, please bring a wrapped gift under $5.00.

Libraries 2000

The Federation of Woman's Clubs has a nationwide program to raise funds for libraries. Any donations you make of financial support or books to public libraries or school libraries counts toward this program, so please advise Ellen Smith (326-0753), chair of our philanthropy committee if you have made any such donations. Thanks.

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January 2001 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

The Year 2000 has been a good one for the Palo Alto Woman's Club. Our membership has grown by some 35%. (Thank you, Sharon Small!) We've had wonderful luncheons and programs. And lots of us are becoming connected or reconnected with women we've known at other times and in other capacities. In short, we're having lots of fun.

In this year we also instituted a new Philanthropy program under the able leadership of Ellen Smith, and we were able to give away over $5000 to various worthy organizations serving women and children. And if you gave books or money to the public library or school libraries, please let Ellen know. It will count toward the Federation's Libraries 2000 Project.

Thanks to all of you - especially the Board, Committee Chairs, and Luncheon Chairs for all your good work on behalf of the Club.

Happy 2001!

Emily

ELECTION OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

At the January meeting we will elect the Nominating Committee for next year's Board and Officers. In order to run for the Nominating Committee you must be present at the January meeting. The Committee's nominations will be presented at the March 2001 meeting. You can get all the details at page 31 of your yearbook.

Wednesday, January 17

Program:

Election of the Nominating Committee and

Feel Great, Look Wonderful

by Dr. Lewis Conner

11:45 **Member and guest sign-in, buffet lunch**

12:30 **President's Welcome and Program**

1:15 **Adjourn**

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

HOSTED BY FRAN TITTERTON

Look Inside!

History Corner,
Book Club and more!

Book Group

Book Group next meeting
Tuesday, January 23, 7:30 p.m.
Call Susan Kazul, 565 9109

New members welcome

Sawako Ariyoshi, *The Doctor's Wife*

This novel, published in 1967 by a Japanese author, is based on the life of Hanaoka Seishu who lived from 1760 to 1835, a man brought up from childhood with the expectation that he would, like his father, be a doctor, but that he would surpass his father in achieving beyond the ordinary or even the extraordinary. The author creates a story from the many records about the man who invented tsusensan, an anaesthetic that made surgery possible in Japan in 1805.

More than the story of one person's accomplishment, it is the story of people around him who competed for his favor and sacrificed themselves for reasons that they themselves never understood, especially his wife and mother, who were each jealous of his affection for the other.

There are intriguing details about Japanese social customs. All the women of the doctor's household, after their regular chores, wove fabric, which was sold to purchase medical supplies and instruments and pay for his books and education. The family was almost destitute, putting his work above everything else.

This is the last in our international series of novels, that have taken us to Ireland, Germany, Australia, India, and finally Japan. Our spring selections will be biographies.

Joan MacKenzie will be the discussion leader, Emily Renzel will bring refreshments.

Jeanne McDonnell

History Corner

The Palo Alto Library

Proportionate to the town's population, Palo Alto's library has one of the highest attendance records in the nation. The Palo Alto library system is one of the proud achievements of the club in its infancy.

The development of good free libraries in this nation was not easy. A Palo Alto newspaper article from 1896 makes a plea for donations to the YMCA reading room, which will close without such help. The newspaper does not touch upon the reason for the Y's interest, but historians have recently discovered that reading rooms were thought to be a possible cure for drunkenness, which was all too prevalent. The rationale was that saloons gave men a place to gather and socialize, and public reading rooms would fill that need without unhealthy temptations.

This explains part of the newspaper article that Carol Murden unearthed in files of the Palo Alto Historical Association. Two months after the Y's plea for funds, our Woman's Club announced that it had already secured a building for the library and reading room it would open shortly. The point that it was both a library and a reading room is significant in view of the article's reassurance that "plenty of good periodicals, newspapers, and games will be provided and all the men and boys in the town will be free to avail themselves of the hospitality of the club without being

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History Committee

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History Corner

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subjected to club surveillance. They need not fear that because the ladies have charge of the rooms, that they will in any way interfere."

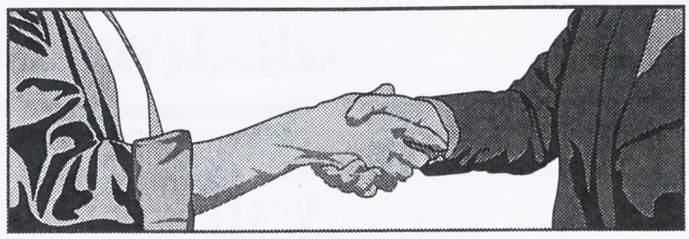
There would be a reading room for gentlemen separate from the "one in which the club library will be kept." The article also makes clear that the library would be free to all.

The very existence of Palo Alto is related to the problem of overindulgence in alcoholic beverages that not only women tried to abate. Senator Stanford asked the town of Mayfield, with the present California Avenue as its business district, to outlaw liquor within its boundaries for a safe and morally sound adjunct to the university. Stanford took his alcoholic provision so seriously that when Mayfield refused, he set in motion the laying out of an alcohol-free town bordering San Francisquito Creek and named it Palo Alto.

Another surprising angle in the article about the failure of the YMCA reading room is the women's thinking, correctly as it turned out, that they could succeed financially where a men's organization could not, because few jobs were open to women and for those that were, the pay was less than half the men's for the same work. The probable answer is that women were dedicated community-builders, and they saw a library as part of that responsibility.

Jeanne McDonnell

New Member Welcome



Jeanne Abbott, 560 Melville Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 327-0831.

Jeanne's volunteer experience includes serving as a docent at the Cantor Arts Center and volunteering with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. She is a member of Foothills Tennis & Swim Club, the Garden Club of PA, and Gamble Garden. Jeanne enjoys theatre, books, art and gardening.

Sharleen Fiddaman, 2255 Webster Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 321-7029.

Sharleen is a real estate agent with Coldwell Banker. She has been a member of the PA Auxiliary to Children's Hospital, ASDH, PAST Heritage and Canopy. Her current and past experience includes pres. Garden Club of PA, pres. PTA, and boardmember of Gamble Garden Center. Her interests include gardening, floral arranging, hiking and travel.

Philanthropy Committee

At the end of the December luncheon the donation box for the Support Network for Battered Women had $380.00 in it! Thanks to all of you who donated to this worthy organization.

The committee would also like to acknowledge a generous donation to our own fund from member Anne Saldich. Thank you, Anne.

Our next meeting will be January 18, at 5 p.m. at the Clubhouse. We are ready to begin nominating programs and agencies to which we will make donations in the spring, and we invite members to suggest groups that they would like us to support. We have a particular interest in education, libraries, and programs that serve women and children. We anticipate giving 5 or 6 grants of about $1,000 apiece.

Send your suggestions to committee chair Ellen Smith at 1469 Dana Ave, Palo Alto 94301 or ellen_f_smith@email.msn.com

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, January 3, - Board Meeting at 11 am

Tuesday, January 9- Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Gwen Barry, 326-7317

Tuesday, January 16 - Investment Club at 6:00 pm with dinner
For info: Sarah French, 329-9091

Wednesday, January 17 - Program Meeting at Noon
Election of Nominating Committee
Lewis Conner, Feel Great, Look Wonderful

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Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

February 2001 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

Happy Valentine's Day! In February we think about people close to us and send them greetings. It is also a time when we think about the importance of friendship.

The Woman's Club's motto is "Friendship, Self Improvement, and Community Involvement". Virtually all of our members are heavily involved in the community, and we try through our programs to provide fodder for self improvement.

But Friendship, I think, is the true strength of the Woman's Club. Our luncheons and Tuesday evening programs provide an opportunity to chat informally with old and new friends. It's a chance to get to know each other better and to get acquainted with women we have not met in other parts of our lives. So as Valentine's Day approaches, enjoy the friendship of the Palo Alto Woman's Club.

Our program on February 21 is the Dancing Divas, talented young people who are dancing to raise money to train others to dance. Please come and enjoy this program.

Emily

Volunteers Needed

Carol Rakich, the Loma Prieta District Health Chair, is looking for volunteers to help at Cholesterol Screening clinics during February and March. There are a variety of venues from San Mateo and Foster City, Mountain View & Sunnyvale, to San Jose and Gilroy. All of the Clinics are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, contact April Fields at The Health Trust (408-961-9800).

Wednesday, February 21

Program:

The Dancing Divas

11:45 **Member and guest sign-in, buffet lunch**

12:30 **President's Welcome and Program**

1:15 **Adjourn**

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

HOSTED BY CONNIE FASANI & SARA FRENCH

Look Inside!

History Corner,
Book Club, New Members!

Book Group

February 27, 7:30 p.m.

Rosalind Franklin and DNA

by Anne Sayre

At one time, science was a prestigious occupation for men that was virtually closed to women. One excellent book by Margaret Rossiter explains how women got shut out. Other books are about particular women whose discoveries got claimed by a male colleague. What happened to Rosalind Franklin was perhaps the worst.

Crick, Watson, and Wilkins won the Nobel Prize for presumably discovering the double helix shape of DNA that opened up the current genetic research. Crick and Watson have written books trying to explain away their appropriating Franklin's work and calling it their own. *Rosalind Franklin and DNA* by Anne Sayre, the book we are reading for February, is a very sane and careful explication of how such a thing could have happened.

Mary Hansen will be the discussion leader, and Ellie Heister will bring refreshments.

This is the first in our spring series of biographies of women in various occupations. The others are:

March - *Sylvia Plath* by Linda W. Wagner-Martin,

April – *Susan B. Anthony* by Kathleen Barry

May – *O'Keefe and Steiglitz* by Benita Eisler

June – *No Place for a Woman: A Life of Senator Margaret Chase Smith* by Janann Sherman.

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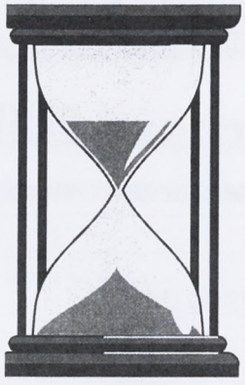

History Corner

Oral Histories

The history committee is interviewing several longtime members of the Club and will share some of the information with you at lunch for National Women's History Month in March.

I came away from a wonderful afternoon with Irene Lawrence and Boots Gould feeling honored to be part of their world. I asked both about their joining the Club.

Irene, who hails from Chicago, said she got interested because her mother-in-law was President of the Woman's Club and her mother was a charter member of the garden club. Everywhere Irene has lived she has joined a club.

We met at her house, where the many paintings on the walls attest to her skill in art visual as well as musical. She also has a large collection of piano scores that help her play just about anything asked of her.

Boots grew up in Michigan. In her family home of forty-six years on Palo Alto Avenue, she and her husband brought up their large family and over the years cared for eleven newborn foster children. She joined the Club after the South Palo Alto Club closed. I was surprised that at one time Palo Alto had two women's clubs, both affiliated with the state and national

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History Committee

History Committee next meeting
Thursday, February 15, 7:30 p.m.
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Irene Lawrence (left) and Boots Gould (right) at Irene's home during an oral history interview that will be preserved in the Club's archives.

History Corner

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federations.

They sold their building on Middlefield across from Safeway to Goodwill for a few hundred dollars, and subsequently Goodwill sold it for a lot more to Bank of America, who demolished it.

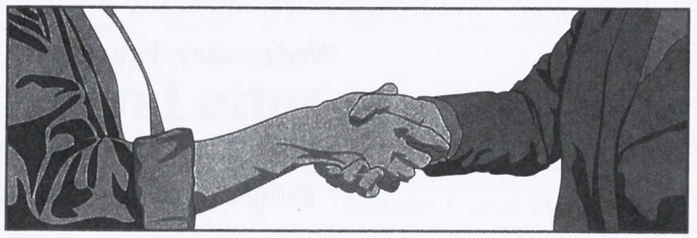
We will have five interviews completed by March, and will keep this as an ongoing project as time permits. We lack personal information about most of our foremothers in the club, and expect these reminiscences to help fill that gap for future historians.

Jeanne McDonnell

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES

The deadline for the monthly newsletter is the 24th of each month. Please email your articles to Carol Hubenthal at chuben@sirius.com or mail to Carol at 1228 Byron Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301. *(The address printed in this year's yearbook is incorrect.)*

New Member Welcome



Kathryn Akatiff, 105 Rinconada Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 328-0853.Kathryn has been a volunteer with the Women's Heritage Museum, and Hidden Villa. She is retired and enjoys playing folk guitar.

Carolyn Long, 630 Keats Court, Palo Alto, CA 94303, tel: 858-1415. Carolyn is a retired teacher and former chair of the Gunn Social Studies department. She works now part-time for a law firm in Palo Alto. Carolyn is an avid golfer, gardener, and traveler (especially during off-peak times).

Janet Peacock, 1585 Mariposa Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94306, tel: 326-9260. Janet's experience includes director of Montessori Preschool, and vice president of the Montessori Society of Santa Clara Valley. She enjoys reading, environmental issues, and performing arts.

HOW TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Attend a program meeting at noon.

Pick up an application card at the sign-in table.

Hand-in or mail the application card to the clubhouse with check for yearly dues of $50.00.

Request application card be mailed to friend.

Call me at 326-7408 or email me at shsmall@earthlink.net

Sharon Small

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, February 7, - Board Meeting at 11 am

Tuesday, February 13,- Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Gwen Barry, 326-7317

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Dancing Divas

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The Woman's Club of Palo Alto
475 Homer Avenue

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

March 2001 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

Irene Lawrence has been our Music Chair for many years and has graced our meetings with her wonderful piano music, but now, sadly for us, Irene has decided to move to Florida to live near her son. The power and fluidity with which Irene "tickles the ivories" belies her young 94 years. So does her can-do attitude and bright mind. Luckily Irene is an Honorary Member, so she will continue to be part of our Club from the far reaches of Sarasota, Florida. Best wishes in your new life, Irene!

Our St. Patrick's Day tradition will continue at the March 21 meeting. Luncheon chair, Debbie Nichols, promises a great feast of corned beef and cabbage. Some Bailey,s Irish Cream may even materialize for the event.

Since March is also Women,s History Month, our program will feature the interesting personal histories of five of our Honorary Members compiled by our own History Committee. Hope to see you March 21.

Emily

Wednesday, March 21

National Women's History Month

Inside Stories

Interviews by the
Club History Committee

Dorothy Arbuckle
Boots Gould
Irene Lawrence
Ella Vandervoort
Joyce Voorhies

11:45 Member and guest sign-in, buffet lunch
12:30 President's Welcome and Program
1:15 Adjourn

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

HOSTED BY DEBBIE NICHOLS

Please notify Sunshine Chair Boots Gould (510.475.1774) if you know of any member who needs a little sunshine from the club due to illness or injury.

Look Inside!

History Corner, Book Club,
New Members, Philanthropy and Bylaws!

Book Group

February 27, 7:30 p.m.

Sylvia Plath

by Linda W. Wagner-Martin,

The biography of the poet, Sylvia Plath that we will discuss at our March meeting is like a novel. It is the story of a life ended too soon, but many episodes made her suicide seem a happening that she had been moving toward for a long time. For a person who succeeded as a writer as notably as she had when she was yet in her thirties, who had two young children and though separated from her husband had help with her children, and who was blessed with many caring friends, relatives, and admirers—well, it's strange and sad and somewhat incomprehensible.

The family of her husband, Ted Hughes, an English writer, would not cooperate with the author to her liking, and so she could not quote extensively from Plath's literary work or letters. Because Wagner-Martin considers Plath one of the great poets of her time, anyone who reads this book will be encouraged to read Plath's novel, the Bell Jar, and her poetry.

Joan MacKenzie, who is a poet, will be the discussion leader for Sylvia Plath by Linda W. Wagner-Martin, and Susan Kazul will bring refreshments.

April – *Susan B. Anthony* by Kathleen Barry,

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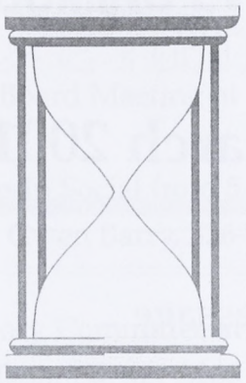

History Corner

Oral Histories

On Saturday, January 6, 2001, Joyce Voorhies and I went out for lunch to The Fish Market in Palo Alto. My assignment as a member of the History Committee of the Woman's Club was to interview Joyce and discuss her activities as a member since 1971. However, it quickly became clear that Joyce had a fascinating story to tell that had nothing to do with the Woman's Club of Palo Alto.

In the winter of 1941-1942, Joyce and her family, British citizens, lived in Shanghai. Joyce had just been offered a position in the British Ministry of Information in Singapore. In December, she and a number of other British women set sail for Australia via Singapore. Nineteen hours out of Hong Kong, where their ship stopped for supplies, the captain received word that the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor. Realizing that the waters around Singapore would be filled with Japanese submarines, the captain diverted his course to what he hoped would be a safe harbor in the Philippines, before proceeding on to Australia.

Joyce and the others arrived in Manila Bay as it was being daily bombed and strafed by Japanese planes. Almost immediately, a fuel ship docked next to them received a direct hit and went up in flames. The women evacuated their own ship,

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History Committee

History Committee next meeting
Wednesday, March 14, 7:30 p.m.
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leaving their steamer and wardrobe trunks behind, each took with her only a small overnight case as they were transported to the Calucan Golf Club, a relatively safer spot than Manila Harbor.

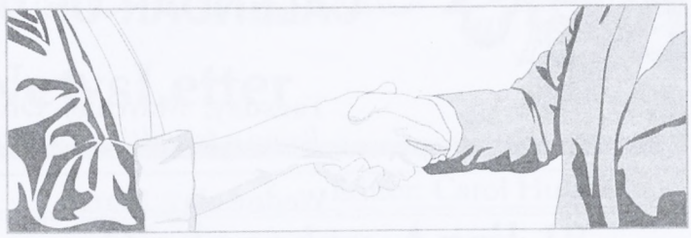
Days went by. The ship left for Australia without them; the MacArthur family also departed for Australia, leaving General Wainwright to preside over the fall of Corregidor and the surrender to the Japanese. Shortly, Japanese troops arrived at the Golf Club, loaded the women into trucks, and processed them at the former Catholic University of Santo Tomas, where Joyce lived as a prisoner of war with about four thousand other men, women, and children internees until liberation, February, 3 1945.

Joyce's tales of her hunger, privation, and survival touched me deeply. Food was scarce and consisted mainly of rice gruel with dried, salted fish heads for flavoring or beans boiled in water. By the end of the war, there was barely enough food to survive.

Joyce's stories filled an afternoon. She described working a double shift in the camp hospital washing dishes so that she could eat the scrapings at the bottom of the rice pot. She told about sharing a bleak dorm room with seventy-five other women from various Allied nations. Their bunks were narrow planks of lumber with a thin mattress; each week, Joyce told me, she beat her mattress or hung it out in the sun to get rid of the bed bugs. The women hung their mosquito nets, made of pineapple fiber, from wires strung across the ceiling. "Each day, twice at day," Joyce went on, "We had roll call and had to bow correctly to the Japanese officers."

I fully understood by the end of our time together what Joyce meant when she began to tell her saga, "I'm a survivor!" For more information and details on Joyce's fascinating story, come to the March Woman's Club luncheon. The History Committee celebrates Women's History Month will a program featuring the stories of some of our own outstanding members.

New MemberWelcome



Linda Anderson/Page, 267 Bryant Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 325-2969.

Linda is a retired human resource manager. She is a past president of the Los Altos Jr. Women's Club and the Loma Prieta District Jr. Women's Clubs. She is a deaconnate at Foothills Congregational Church and enjoys reading,travel, music.

***The Nominating Committee** this year will be putting forth a recommendation for two members to be Co-Presidents, so it is necessary to approve a bylaws amendment to permit this arrangement and clarify the board relationships. The Bylaws Committee has reviewed the following amendment (in bold print) and recommends its adoption.*

Article V - Officers

Section 1. The elective officers shall be President (or Co-Presidents), First Vice-President, ...

(NEW SECTION)

Section 4. The authority and duties of President may be shared by two Co-Presidents who shall have equal responsibility for the duties of the President. When two women are Co-Presidents, there shall be one less Director so that the Board membership remains at 14. Only one Co-President shall be an ex officio member of any standing committee.

San Jose Woman,s Club will be holding a Luncheon, Fashion Show, and Card Party as a fund-raiser on March 30, 2001 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their Clubhouse, 75 South 11th Street, San Jose. Tickets are $20. RSVP at (408) 294-8749

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Wednesday, March 7, - Board Meeting at 10:30 am

Wednesday, March 14- History Committee at 7:30 pm
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for info: Ellen Smith 326-0753

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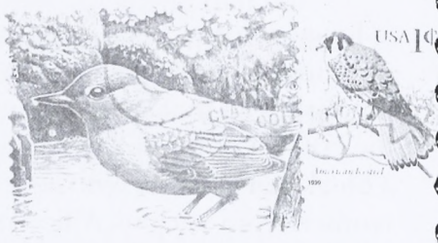

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April 2001 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message

Spring has finally arrived with all its rejuvenation. At April's meeting, the Club will enjoy some rejuvenation with the election of new officers and board members. Each new board brings new ideas and new energy which keeps the Club vital.

Our March luncheon meeting was wonderful. Special thanks to our hard-working History Committee who presented a splendid program on the interesting lives of five of our Honorary Members. The Committee regretted that time limited them to five members and they intend to interview more Honorary Members for a future program. Also kudos to Debbie Nichols and her lunch crew for a wonderful meal.

Members Carolyn Caddes and Kathy Torgersen will be sharing their experiences with refugees in Albania at our April meeting. Since the turmoil in that part of the world continues, this should be a very interesting and timely program.

Happy Spring!

Emily

Support Jana and the Leukemia Society

Our member, **Jana Stevens**, will walk 26.2 miles in the **Anchorage Marathon** on June 23 to raise money for the Leukemia Society. Please help Jana meet her personal commitment to raise $3700 to help cure leukemia. You can sponsor Jana by making out a check to The Leukemia Society of America and returning it in the enclosed envelope by April 13. Any amount is welcome, but a dollar a mile would be $26.20 and would really encourage Jana.

Wednesday, April 18

Board Elections

plus

Bread, Salt, & Heart

Refugees in Albania

by Kathy Torgersen & Carolyn Caddes

11:45 **Member and guest sign-in, buffet lunch**

12:30 **President's Welcome and Program**

1:15 **Adjourn**

Lunch is offered at $3.00 per person

HOSTED BY JUDY CHANG

Look Inside!

History Corner, Book Club, New Members, Philanthropy and Nominations!

Book Group

Tuesday April 24, 7:30 p.m.

Susan B. Anthony: A Biography

by Kathleen Barry

This is the third book in our spring series of biographies of women in different professions.

Anthony belongs with the greats of United States history along with Washington and Lincoln. One woman tried to get Anthony included in Mount Rushmore in the 1930s, but the sculptor refused the request of first lady Eleanor Roosevelt.

Anthony invested about 60 years passionately laboring for women's voting rights. She was, with Elizabeth Cady Stanton, founder of the National Woman Suffrage Association, and later she was president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association when the two organizations united into one in 1890.

She dedicated her life to that one priority. Though she tried to diminish other types of bias against women, she believed the vote was crucial for women to improve their lives and the nation.

By the time she died in 1906, countless women working all over the nation for voting rights had convinced men to approve full and equal voting rights for women in four states — Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, and Idaho. She was a crucial force in pushing women's suffrage forward in the states. Though many women made woman's suffrage the primary investment of their lives, probably no other single person did so much for so long.

Discussion leader, Jeanne McDonnell; Refreshments, Anne Ercolani. New members welcome.

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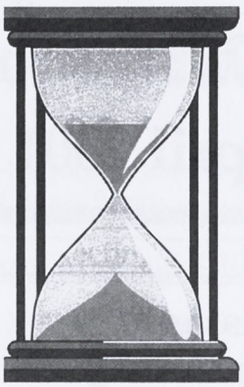

History Corner

The Clubhouse House Tour

Every year in December the history committee cooks up a little field trip and invites club members to go along. The centerpiece the year we did parks was Eleanor Pardee Park, donated to the city by a woman who was twice president of the club, first with the last name of Karns and later Dixon.

Our trip this year was a walking tour of nearby houses designed by the architect of our clubhouse, Charles Edward Hodges. Several people have asked us to do it again because they missed that one, so here's self-guiding information. We had a good time learning to notice elements that he liked. Just as a tip, take a good look at our lovely bay window before you go. This type of an extension is characteristic of his houses.

Start at the club, go west on Homer and check out 469, next door. When you finish your tour, you can compare it and the clubhouse with some of the other houses and you will recognize familiar Hodges features.

Turn left at Kipling. Notice the house on the corner, at 451-453 Channing, where he and his family lived for a time. The two porches caused us to speculate that perhaps they rented out part of the house. Walk west on Channing to Waverley, south to 1146, again a two-porch house, and one of my favorites in Palo Alto. Turn right on Lincoln to 251, and then backtrack to 536 Lincoln, a house

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with an unusual chimney.

Backtrack to Cowper, north toward the club. Notice the corner house at 803 Cowper, with its side along Homer. Although some of the windows are more modern, we saw features toward the back that reminded us of other Hodges houses.

Sometime when you are driving, take a look at 340 Coleridge and 1401 Emerson, but the best one of all is at 369 Churchill. Three houses could fit on its lot, and mansion is an apt word for the building. It's on the north side of Churchill, at the corner of Waverley, across from Gamble Garden Center.

He also designed twelve private houses and three sororities and fraternities at Stanford when he was the University architect.

Jeanne McDonnell

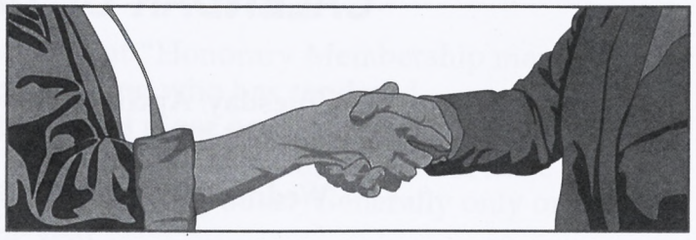
The **Philanthropy Committee** will meet at 5 p.m. at the Clubhouse on April 19 to discuss what activities the Club might consider for the joint purposes of fundraising and becoming more visible. Some suggestions include a mother-daughter tea, open to the public, or a special dinner for Club members and their friends. We will also talk about how such activities would be organized. If you have questions or suggestions, call Ellen Smith, 326-0753.

Nominating Committee Report

Co-Presidents:	Julie Jerome & Sarah French
First VP:	Wanda Cavanaugh
Second VP:	Emily Renzel
Recording Sec'y:	Mary Hansen
Treasurer:	Anne Ercolani
Finance Officer:	Enid Pearson
Corresponding Sec'y:	Ella Vandervoort
One Year Board:	Peggy McKee
	Cherie Donald
	Fran Titterton
Two Year Board:	Sharon Small
	Margaret Feuer
	Christine Shambora

We will vote at the April meeting.

New Member Welcome



Gloria Brown, 1766 Fulton Street, Palo Alto, Ca 94303, tel: 326-5068.

Gloria is a board member of the Palo Alto Historical Association and a long-time community volunteer. She is a member of PAST, Healdsburg Historical Soc. Museum and American Heritage. Gloria enjoys local theater, opera, and photography.

Diana Diamond, 2512 Cowper Street, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 322-9090.

Diana is president of Diamond Communications & Design. She is past pres. of Rotary Club of Palo Alto, and has served on boards of American Red Cross, RotoCare International, and as chair of Stanford Area RotoCare. Her interests include art and travel.

Joan Bruce, 1020 Channing Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94301, tel: 327-2971.

For the past 3 years, Joan has been chair of the Horticultural Library at Gamble Gardens. As an elementary school teacher (in Menlo Park and Palo Alto) she traveled to New Zealand on a Fulbright and to England on 2 sabbaticals. Joan's hobbies are music, art and gardening.

Marcia Rehmus, 46 Heather Drive, Atherton, CA 94027, tel: 322-5063.

Marcia has been an active community volunteer for many years. She is past president of Gamble Garden, and Gamble Garden advisory board, member of Garden Club of Palo Alto, Atherton Library Board, and Leadership Midpeninsula Alumni. Marcia enjoys reading, tennis, and antiques.

Thanks to **Linda Bader** for donating luncheon nametags for all of us. She promises to make new member nametags in the future as well. Linda has a custom invitation business in Palo Alto — PRINTABLES - 329-0903.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, April 3- History Committee at 7:30 pm
for info: Jeanne McDonnell, 321-5260

Wednesday, April 4, - Board Meeting at 10:30 am

Tuesday, April 10,- Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
Bring a friend!!! For info: Gwen Barry, 326-7317

Tuesday, April 17 - Investment Club at 6:30 pm with dinner
For info: Sarah French, 329-9091

Wednesday, April 18 - Program Meeting at Noon
Board Elections. **Bread, Salt & Heart: Refugees in Albania**

Thursday, April 19 – Philanthropy Committee at 5:00 pm
for info: Ellen Smith 326-0753

Tuesday, April 24 - Book Group at 7:30 pm
Call Susan Kazul, 565-9101

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

475 Homer Avenue

Anne Ercolani
360 Iris Way
Palo Alto CA 94303

Friendship, Self-Improvement, and Community Involvement

Year 2000 Honorary Membership

Our bylaws in Article III, Section 4 (B) e provide that "Honorary Membership may be conferred upon a member of at least 20 years standing who has rendered outstanding service to the Club by a majority vote of those present and voting, provided that the name has been proposed at a previous meeting. She shall have all privileges of the Club, but shall be exempt from paying dues. Generally only one Honorary Member shall be elected in any one year."

We believe that Trudy Lung is the clear candidate for Honorary Membership this year. Trudy has served as an officer or member of the Board for many years. She has served as Second Vice President and as Corresponding Secretary. Trudy has been Amenities Chair and Sunshine Chair for at least five years. She served on the Nominating Committee at least 6 times. She was Chair of the Bridge Section for ten years and on the Hospitality Committee for 16 years.

In addition to those official positions of the Club, Trudy has volunteered in almost every facet of the Club. Every month Trudy has been in charge of mailing out the Newsletter. She serves as a backup to the Rental Chair for showing the building to prospective renters. Trudy participated as a model in various Club fashion shows and was in charge of the show one year. To raise funds for the Club, Trudy ran the Boutique to sell donations from club members for 15 years. It is Trudy who has gotten the microphone ready for our luncheon meetings, and for years Trudy made friendly reminder phone calls about our meetings. You can always count on Trudy helping out in the kitchen - even when it's not her month to serve on the lunch committee.

Even more important than the impressive record of service outlined above, Trudy's cheerful and positive can-do attitude and pleasant demeanor is probably the most important attribute she brings to the Club.

We therefore propose Trudy Lung for Honorary Membership this year.

Emily Renzel
President

Ella Vandervoort
First Vice President

Sharon Small
Second Vice President

Enid Pearson
Treasurer

Sarah French
Recording Secretary

Anne Ercolani
Finance Officer

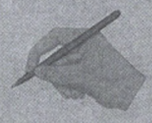
And Members of the Board: Arline Dehlinger, Julie Jerome, Barbara Carlitz, Boots Gould, Lydia Pugliese, Mary Hansen, and Ellen Smith.

The Woman's Club of Palo Alto

May 2001 NewsLetter

President: Emily Renzel | Editor: Carol Hubenthal

President's Message



It's hard to believe that two years have passed since I became President of the Woman's Club, but they have and this is my last President's message. It has been fun to see the Woman's Club activities, membership, and luncheon attendance grow. Everyone is having a good time and that's what it's all about.

Participation by the membership has been terrific. My job has certainly been much easier as members have stepped up to be luncheon chairs, phone reminders, committee chairs and members, and board members. Thanks to all of you. Special thanks also to Irene Lawrence who graced our meetings with her music for years and to Sue Kemp who has been picking up where Irene left off. *Thank you, ladies.*

I also want to specially thank Dorothy Arbuckle, Boots Gould, Trudy Lung, Ella Vandervoort, Frances Payne, and all the other long time members who kept the Club alive during hard times and have embraced changes needed to keep the Club alive for the next century.

Don't forget... Our May meeting will be at 5:30 in the evening with a light supper and installation of officers. There will be no lunch meeting.

Happy Spring!

Emily

Wednesday, May 16

Board Installation

Join us for Dinner

A no-host wine bar will be available at 5:30 with the proceeds to benefit the Philanthropy Committee.

5:30 **Member and guest sign-in, refreshments & light dinner**

President's Welcome and Program

7:30 **Adjourn**

Supper is offered at $3.00 per person

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Look Inside!

History Corner, Book Club, Gamble Garden Tour, Key Return

Book Group

Tuesday May 22, 7:30 p.m.

O'Keeffe and Stieglitz: An American Romance

by Benita Eisler

This is the fourth book in our spring series of biographies of women in different professions.

Painter Georgia O'Keeffe's life story is inseparable from photographer Alfred Stieglitz's. Both were hard working, dedicated artists, but their callous courting of public acclaim takes some of the shine off their achievement. They learned from each other and promoted each other during their long and not always tranquil marriage.

Stieglitz wrote volumes of letters which were preserved over the course of his long life, so the author of this biography had a vast amount of material to draw on. Unfortunately the sheer mass of his writing makes his viewpoint predominate.

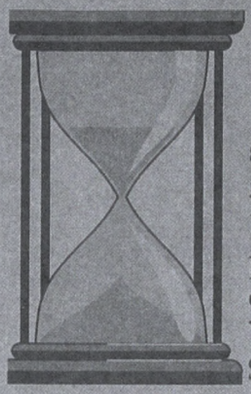
For me, a shorter version of the book with less speculation by the author in Freudian and other psychological interpretations would have improved the narrative. But, many good illustrations of the work of both artists are a positive offset to those defects.

One telling section about O'Keeffe's first one woman show says that Stieglitz carefully gave out ideas to critics, one of which was "She makes other women painters in America seem inconsequential." This was pure promotion at the expense of women artists. The idea that so few women excelled in any field in spite "of being a woman" had a long life and it is unpleasant to know that a woman would take advantage of that to enhance her own reputation.

Discussion leader, Anne Saldich;
Refreshments, Mary Carlstead.
New members always welcome.

In June – *No Place for a Woman: A Life of Senator Margaret Chase Smith* by Janann Sherman.

Jeanne McDonnell



History Corner

The idea that women should have their own organizations was controversial in 1868 when Jane Croly, a newspaper columnist, and seven other women writers in New York city started a club called Sorosis. Croly noted, the club's purpose was to teach women "to think for themselves and get opinions first hand, not so much because it is their right as because it is their duty."

By 1896 there were 1,300 clubs and 1000,000 members throughout the country and by 1912 membership had reached half a million.

In 1901 a charter for the General Federation of Women's Clubs was approved by Congress and signed by President McKinley. the story of the Federation reflects the history of our country and often lights the path we chose.

The clubs had two major goals: Personal growth, and commitment to the needs of their community. One club organized a day nursery and most supported public schools. Another bought 16 acres for a park in their city. Many clubs maintained public libraries, supported traveling libraries to serve rural areas, started kindergartens in local schools and joined with schools in organizing Parent Teacher Associations. They worked for the preservation of forests and a few, including Palo Alto, planted trees along the streets in their town.

A New York city Club petitioned Columbia College to admit women as students. In 1888,

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History Committee

History Committee next meeting
Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.
Confirm with Jeanne McDonnell 321 5260
or email jfmch@aol.com

History Corner

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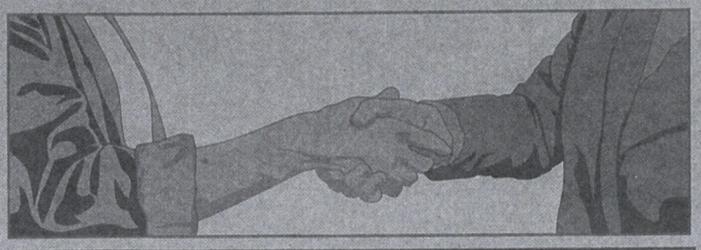
the club helped finance the women's annex that was being built at Columbia.

Volunteer hours and donations increased year by year. Statistics were compiled between 1980 and 1982. It showed that 22,505,814 hours of service and $67,274,379 in contributions of one kind or another were given. There were 446,713 projects recorded by the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Joan Holland



RETURN KEYS

The standing rules of the Woman's Club require that all keys to the Clubhouse be given to the new President(s). Even if you are continuing on the Board, please locate your keys and bring them to the next Board meeting. Besides Board members various ex-officio officers, committee chairs, etc. also have keys. Please locate them and return them to the incoming President(s).

HOW TO APPLY FOR MEMBERSHIP

Attend a program meeting at noon.

Pick up an application card at the sign-in table.

Hand-in or mail the application card to the clubhouse with check for yearly dues of $50.00.

Request application card be mailed to friend.

Call me at 326-7408 or email me at shsmall@earthlink.net

Sharon Small

Gamble Garden Center
"Festival of Flowers"

Friday, May 4 and Saturday, May 5

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

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at the Gamble Garden Center

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To purchase tickets call 650-329-1356
or email at admin@gamblegarden.org.

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Wednesday, May 2, - Joint Old and New Board Meeting at 11:00 am

Tuesday, May 8,- Drop-In Social from 5 to 7 pm
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For info: Sarah French, 329-9091

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